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**T**HE following Journal would never have been published, had not a surreptitious Copy of Part of it been printed without the Author's Knowledge or Consent: He knows himself too well to obtrude his little private Concerns upon the World; especially when intermixed with such Passages relating to others, as none but an unthinking Person could judge proper to divulge.

Had I (to whom alone Mr. W. gave Authority to print, what his Friends should think proper) been advised to publish this Journal, all Names would certainly have been left out, with those less material Circumstances which manifest the Persons: And it was at the earnest Sollicitation of several of Mr. W's Friends that I determined to print the whole, lest some-  
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*thing should be trump'd up for a Voyage from London to Gibraltar.*

*Those who are mentioned in the surreptitious Copy, will we doubt not wholly acquit Mr. W. and his Friends of it; and several of them, we hope by this Time, think it no Scandal to be Convicted CHRISTIANS.*

*Mr. Cooper, it seems, is offended with my calling his Edition of Mr. W's Journal a surreptitious one: But as it crept into the World by Stealth, without any just Warrant or Authority, I know not how to give it a softer Epithet.*

*Mr. W. and every Author has an undoubted Right to suppress any Work of his, so long as he pleases; and if he thinks fit to have it printed, He is to determine who shall print it. He likewise has a Power to submit his Work to the Judgment and Correction of Friends chosen by himself, either entirely to suppress it, if they think that proper; or, if they think more proper to publish it, then to prepare it for the Press.*

*Now Mr. W. gave Mr. Cooper no Leave to print his Journal, nor to any Person from whom Mr. Cooper received it. He sent the*  
*Journal*

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*Journal to me, to be communicated privately to his Friends; but not to be made publick without the Advice and Correction of certain Persons particularly known to me, of whose Judgment he has a better Opinion than of his own. But neither have those Friends of Mr. W. approved the publishing of this Journal by Mr. Cooper, nor given him any Copy prepared for the Press.*

*This I think sufficiently justifies my calling his surreptitious.*

*Mr. Cooper likewise knows, Mr. W. has published (in Advertisements with his Name affixed,) That for the future every Thing wrote by him should be published by me only, and no other. Had therefore Mr. Cooper paid a due Regard to Justice and his Neighbour's Property, He would have asked the Person, who offered the Copy to Sale, this Question, very often asked by Honest Tradesmen: How He came by it? What Right He had to dispose of it? A little Enquiry would have satisfied him that the Person, whoever he was, could give him no just Warrant to print it.*

*By not making this Enquiry, Mr. Cooper has been guilty of a great Oversight, to say no worse*



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worse of it. And it is to be hoped, that no Persons of Honour or Worth, whether Mr. W's Friends or others, will buy any of these surreptitious Copies, and encourage Practises so utterly inconsistent with Fair Trading.

Temple-Bar,  
Aug. 18. 1738.

James Hutton.



Mr,

Mr. *WHITEFIELD*'s  
**JOURNAL.**

**PART I.**

**From London to Gibraltar.**

*My Dear Friends,*

**A**ccording to your Request, I have herewith sent you an Account of what God has done for my Soul since I left *England*.—The sole Motive (if my Heart doth not deceive me) which induced me to leave my native Country was a full Conviction that it was the Divine Will I should. What Reasons I can urge for this Persuasion, is needless to mention; because few in this Case would judge impartially; and what seems a Reason to me, may not be deem'd so by another: Let it suffice to inform you, that after earnest Prayer for a Year and half that if the Design was not of God, it might come to naught, tho' strongly solicited to act in a contrary Manner, I found myself as eagerly bent on going abroad as ever.

Accordingly, *Wednesday December 28, 1737*, after having continued instant in Prayer with my Friends at Mr. *J. H's*; and afterwards receiving the Holy Sacrament at St. *Dunstan's*, being recommended to the Grace of God by a great Number of weeping Christian Brethren at the Rev. Mr. *H's*, I set out at Night for *Deptford* in a Coach, accompanied by four Friends, and got there safe at Ten.—Here a Widow Woman gladly received us into her House; and many of my Friends gave me the Meeting, who came on Foot from *London*, with intent to accompany me to the Ship;

and with them I took a little bodily Refreshment; spent two or three Hours in particular Intercession for our Friends and Enemies, and all Mankind; sung Psalms and Hymns and spiritual Songs, and then betook ourselves to Rest, and *the Lord made us to dwell in Safety*, [*Oh who can express the unspeakable Joy of religious Friends!*]

*Thursday, December 29.* Rose early in the Morning, and continued instant in Intercession, chanting and singing of Psalms with my Friends 'till Nine, at which our Hearts were much rejoiced. After this we went in quest of our Ship, but finding she was fallen down to *Purfleet*, and was not to remove to *Gravesend* for some time, we returned to *Deptford* praising God, and praying for a Blessing on our intended Voyage. *The Lord perform all our Petitions!*

Being returned to *Deptford* with my Friends, we dined comfortably together, joined in a Psalm, read the Lessons for the Day, and concluded with Prayer: some were then obliged to depart for *London*. After they were gone I continued with the rest in particular Intercession for near two Hours, and then God was pleased to comfort my Heart. *If parting from a few earthly Friends for a Season be so grievous, How will the Wicked bear to be parted from God and good Men for all Eternity!*

It happened providentially that a Lecture was to be preached that Evening at *Deptford*, and several importuned me to preach it; at first I was fearful (O me of little Faith) having no Notes. But afterwards (having got the Consent of the Minister) I went up, depending on the Promise, *Lo! I am with you always even unto the End of the World*, and was enabled to preach to a large Congregation without the least Hesitation. *Did any one yet ever trust in the Lord and was forsaken?* What gave me great Comfort, and made me more thankful, was, that the Opportunity, I believe, was granted in Answer to Prayer.

*Friday, December 30.* Went with our Baggage and nine or ten Friends in a *Gravesend* Boat to *Purfleet*, where the *Whitaker* was fallen down. Spent the Time we were on the Water in singing Psalms, and particular Intercession and came on board about Ten in the Morning.

I spoke some few Things to my new Charge, spent the Remainder of the Day on Shore with my Friends, in singing Psalms, Prayer, and exhorting one another to Love and good Works: Returned at Night to our Ship, and lay with my Friend *H.* upon the Ground in a Matrafs, in the great Cabin; and God was pleased to give me a Proof that he was with me in the Ship.

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*Saturday, Dec. 31.* Began this Morning to have publick Prayers on open Deck, at which the Officer and Soldiers attended with Decency and Reverence. After Prayer I enlarged a little on those Words of St. Paul, *I am determined to know nothing among you save JESUS CHRIST and him crucified*; told them how my future Conduct would be; made some Professions of my hearty Love and sincere Affection for their Souls; and then dismiss'd them, I believe somewhat moved. *Oh! that I may have Grace to act suitably to this Profession!*

To-day also I began to visit the Sick, and took that Opportunity of discoursing on the Uncertainty of Life and the Certainty of a future Judgment, to those around me; and God was pleased not to let my Words fall to the Ground.

About Twelve, I went and paid my Friends a Visit who were on Shore, and spent two or three delightful Hours in praising and blessing God.

Soon came another Friend with two honest Men from *Gravesend* desiring me in the Name of the Minister to come and preach to them the following Lord's Day; at first I was unwilling to leave my own Flock in the Ship, but my Friends Reasonings overbalanced mine, and I went on board, read publick Prayers, visited the Sick, gave the Soldiers an Exhortation (at which the Soldiers were surprisingly affected) and then took Boat with them for *Gravesend*. My Heart was much enlarged in Intercession. The Evening was exceeding calm, the Sky clear, and all things conspired to praise that glorious and lofty one that inhabits Eternity, who *stretcheth forth the Heavens like a Curtain, and holdeth the Waters in the Hollow of his Hand*.

About Seven at Night, GOD brought us safe to *Gravesend*, where Mr. H. received both me and my Friends most courteously, and loaded us with many Benefits, *the good Lord have Mercy on him in that Day*.

We spent the Evening very agreeably in Prayer, and Singing, and then betook ourselves to Sleep, having before exhorted one another to prepare our Spices and Ointments of Praise and Thanksgiving, and to rest on the approaching Sabbath according to the Commandment.

*Sunday, January 1.* Blessed be God for the happy Beginning of a new Year; for it has been a Day of fat Things: We rose in the Morning, and retired to an adjacent Hill with my Friends to Prayer, and afterwards were most agreeably surprised with the Coming of several more *London*

Friends (whom I love as my own Soul) who came all Night on the Water to see me.

About Ten we went to Church, where I preach'd; and the Curate was so kind, at our Request, as to give us the Sacrament.

In the Afternoon I preach'd again to a more numerous Congregation than in the Morning: And being to stay there but one Lord's Day, I was press'd to preach and read Prayers a third Time, at Six in the Evening. It was a Thing I found entirely new; but, upon the Curate's readily complying to lend the Pulpit, and my Friends and the People's Importunity, I look'd upon it as a Call of Providence, and accordingly read Prayers and preached to a very thronged Auditory; and this I did without Notes, having brought but two written Sermons with me. *Oh! who can express the loving Kindness of the Lord, or shew forth all his Praise!*

Monday, Jan. 2, 1737. Sate up 'till Twelve at Night, to take leave of some of my Friends, whose Business oblig'd them to be at London the next Morning; and then, after three or four Hours Rest, rose and walk'd to Greenhith with the Remainder of my Friends, intending to take a Boat there, and so return to my Charge at Purfleet. But just as we were entring the Boat, providentially came a Boy, telling us, the *Whitaker* was fallen down to Gravesend, and ready to sail, if not actually under Sail; we immediately hast'd back from whence we came, and went on our Way rejoicing.

About Eleven we reach'd Gravesend, and happily found the Ship was not to sail 'till the Morrow. This put Gladness into my Heart, as it gave me an Opportunity of settling some Affairs of Consequence, and conversing a little longer with my dear Friends.

About Twelve o' Clock I went on board, leaving my Friends to dine on Shore: And as I went along, God was pleas'd to shew me he had given a Blessing to my Discourses; the People seem'd greatly alarm'd, and wish'd me heartily a good Voyage, and the very Sailors were surprisingly affectionate. *Blessed be God for setting his Seal to my unworthy Ministry!* Spent the remainder of the Day in settling Things on Board, visiting the Sick, teaching the Children, and reading Prayers, and Preaching. *All Love, all Glory be to God through Christ!*

In the Evening I went on Shore again to my Friends, pray'd, sung Psalms, and expounded (I think) a Chapter out of the holy Scriptures to them, and was not a little comforted. *Praise the Lord, O my Soul.*

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*Tuesday, January 3.* Went on board, read Prayers, and preached, visited the Sick, and then took a final Leave, as I thought, of my Friends. Spent the Afternoon in writing Letters, and putting Things in Order. And (what I esteemed a great Blessing) though I had been used to so large a Sphere of Action, yet my Change of Life gave me not the least Uneasiness, but my Heart was refreshed with Joy unspeakable, and full of Glory.

This Evening began to read Prayers between Decks, judging it would be too cold above.

At Night I went, according to Custom, on Shore to *Gravesend*, where I was agreeably surprised by seeing my Friends. I took Leave of them in the Morning once more, the Weather preventing their going to *London*. Here also Mr. C. W. and Mr. W. H. gave me the Meeting, with whom we prayed, sung Psalms, commended one another to God, and parted the next Morning, like Christian Brethren.

*Wednesday, January 4.* Came on board at ten in the Morning; but I could not have publick Prayers, because the Soldiers were engaged with their Officer: But I visited the Sick, and perceived the Soldiers were attentive to hear me, when I applied myself to those around the sick Persons. I also distributed amongst the Sick of my *London* Friends kind Presents, to convince them I had a Love for, and to gain an Access to their Souls. I visited the Sick, read Prayers, and preached Extempore (as I constantly do Morning and Evening) and went with Mr. H. in the Evening on Shore to *Gravesend*, where we interceded for Friends, expounded a Chapter, and went to Bed, with that *Peace of Mind which passeth all Understanding. Oh that the sensual, careless, half Christian could but know the Comforts of Religion!*

*Thursday, January 5, 1737.* This Day God was with me of a Truth: I was refreshed in Spirit, by hearing from some *London* Friends, and receiving some kind Presents from Persons I could never have thought of; was assisted much in writing Letters; came on board, read Prayers, and preached; visited the Sick, and had God with me all the Day long: Begun to catechise six or seven of the young Soldiers on open Deck. I was surprised they would submit to it; but God has the Hearts of all Men in his Hands.

Great Civility was shewn me on board by the Officers; and Capt. W. sent his Boat to fetch me to *Gravesend*, whither I went; having first visited the Sick, read Prayers, and preached on Deck.

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When on Shore, I wrote several Letters; expounded a Chapter to a Room full of People. Catechised the Children of the House, and three of my own Companions, and then went to Bed, full of *Peace and Joy in the Holy Ghost*.

My Health of Body, I could perceive, increased, and my Soul was much refreshed. I now began once more to feel the Comforts of a retired Life, and blessed God from my Heart, that he had called me whither I was going.

*Friday, January 6.* About Nine I came on board, read Prayers, and preached between Decks; and Mr. H. sung a Psalm, as he generally does. In the mean while, the Ship loosed from *Gravesend*, and sail'd by Twelve o' Clock to the *Nore*. We had a very brisk Gale of Wind.

God gave me great Comfort, and I went between Decks, and sat down on the Ground, and read *Arndt's True Christianity*: And part of the Time I stood upon Deck, and admired the Wonders of God in the Deep.

Three or four were added to-day to my Catechumens, some of whom I had great Hopes of. Read Prayers, preach'd upon Deck, catechised my own Companions; interceded upon Deck near the Stern, (having no Place for Retirement); talked to the Sailors on the Fore-Castle; wrote my Journal; and climb'd up into my Cabin to Bed, where my Friend H. and I lay as comfortably as on a Bed of State.

Some of the Passengers, amongst whom was Mr. H. began now to be sick: But I felt very little of it; on the contrary God enabled me to rejoice with exceeding great Joy; my Heart was warmed by talking to the Sailors, and I was so lifted even above myself, that I could have *watched unto Prayer and Praise* all Night.

I found that above an hundred exclusive of the Ship's Company were on board: *God grant that not one of them may perish through my Neglect!*

*Saturday, Jan. 7.* Breakfasted with some of the Gentlemen in the Great Cabin, who were very civil, and let me put in a Word for God.

Read publick Prayers, and began to expound the *Lord's Prayer* to the Soldiers by way of Sermon, and God enabled me to do it with Power. After that I instructed my Catechumens, who now amounted to twelve or thirteen. *God make them Soldiers of CHRIST as well as of the King.*

Had an Hour's Conversation with a Gentleman on board, on our Fall in *Adam*, and the Necessity of our New Birth in CHRIST JESUS, and hope it was not unpleasant to him.

To-day obtained what I prayed for, viz. a Place to retire into: for Capt. *W.* on my bare mentioning my Want of such a thing, offered me the free Use of his own Cabbin, a Place very commodious for that Purpose.

Catechised those that went with me on open Deck, for Example to others, and found they improved. Capt. *W.* the two Cadets, and Serjeants, sate very serious and attentive. But when the Captain of the Soldiers came, my Heart sunk a little (though without any Reason); however I did not leave off. *O Corruption thou art my Sister!*

Read publick Prayers, and finished my Exposition of the *Lord's Prayer* to the Soldiers, at which they attended very orderly. — At Night I and my five Companions went upon Deck, and interceded and sung Psalms, by which my Heart was much enlarged. The Weather was very cold, and the Wind magnified that God, *at whose Word the stormy Wind ariseth.*

Now I fulfilled my Promise to the Lord's People, and while the Winds and Storms were blowing over me, I made earnest Supplication to God for them.

The Ship continued at the *Nore* all this Day, but I hope we made some Advances towards Eternity.

In the Evening the Wind blew very fresh indeed; and had our Ship been in the *Downs*, we should have been in great Danger. *How wisely doth God provide for us!* Most People began now to be Sea-sick, particularly *J. D.* one of my Companions was grievously afflicted.

*Sunday, Jan. 8.* My Friend *H.* and I have great Reason to be thankful to God; for we slept as well as we could desire, though the Wind blew very hard, and the Sailors were very busy in taking care of the Ship, which by the Morning had drag'd her Anchor two Miles.

Went early and visited the sea-sick Soldiers and their Families between Decks, gave them some Sage Tea and Sugar, &c. and excited them all to Thankfulness and Repentance, out of Gratitude for their Preservation from the last Night's Storm; and returned publick Thanks at Morning Prayers.

Thought much of my dear *London* Friends; though absent in Body, was present in Spirit in Sacred Ordinances; and interceded for them and all Mankind most fervently. Read publick Prayers and preached twice to the Soldiers: and read Prayers once in the great Cabbin to the Officers, at their Request, which I liked very well. Catechised my own Companions, but had not Time to catechise the Soldiers, on account of attending the Sick.

To-day being the first Lord's Day I have spent this long time in so private a manner, I could not avoid reflecting on the following Lines :

## I.

*I sigh when-e'er my musing Thoughts  
Those happy Days present,  
When I with Troops of pious Friends  
Thy Temple did frequent ;*

## II.

*When I advanc'd with Songs of Praise,  
My solemn Vows to pay,  
And led the joyful sacred Throng  
That kept the Festal Day.*

But I considered it was the Divine Will that placed me here, and therefore I rejoiced. *He is unworthy the Name of a Christian, who is not as willing to hide himself when God commands, as to act in a publick Capacity.*

Began now to live a little by Rule; and to examine into the Interiors of those that came with me; which I found a most useful Exercise both for them and me. — Continued all this Day at the *Nore*, being quite becalmed; and at Night had a most comfortable Intercession for all Friends, &c.

*Monday, Jan. 9.* Mr. H. began to learn *Latin*. Had near twenty Catechumens with my own Companions, who I believe made some Advances.

Weigh'd from the *Nore*, and sail'd before the Wind in company with several others, which carried us on so briskly that we anchor'd before *Margate* about One. Here I enjoy'd a wish'd-for Opportunity of writing to some of my *London* Friends, and found my Heart greatly enlarged towards them.

After Dinner having some Necessaries to buy, Mr. H. and I went on Shore to *Margate*. The Wind blew very fresh, and the Sea raged horribly, but *He that dwelleth on high was mightier*, and kept us from the least Fright, and filled me with great Joy, and brought us safe on Shore.

We had the most abandon'd Man with us I ever saw, who came out of an *East-India* Ship: He had so much of the Devil in him, that the very Boat-men, profane as they were, abhor'd him: From whence I infer, that was the Devil himself to appear as he is, the wickedest Sinners could not but detest him.

This Afternoon I began to feel the Power of Faith more than ever I did before, and to find that as the Day, so will  
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our Strength be. When I went into the Boat the Sea run dangerously high ; but I could boldly say :

*God is our Refuge in Distress,  
A present Help when Dangers press ;  
In Him undaunted we'll confide,  
Tho' Earth were from her Center toss'd,  
And Mountains in the Ocean lost,  
Torn piecemeal by the roaring Tide.*

About Five we got safe to *Margate*, where having received a little bodily Refreshment, and recommended ourselves to God in Prayer, we went about the Town to buy the Things we came for. The Generality of the People we met with were civilized and teachable.

After we had done our secular Business, we paid the Curate a Visit, the Minister being at *Canterbury* ; He received us most courteously : Our Conversation was such as tended to the Use of Edifying ; it ran chiefly upon the great Importance of the Ministerial Function ; the Necessity of preaching up the Doctrine of the New Birth ; and the Necessity and Benefit of Visiting from House to House.

About Ten we left him, greatly refreshed in Spirit, and thankful to God for exciting Persons every where to entertain us.

On the Morrow I sent him Mr. *Law's Serious Call* and *Christian Perfection*, with some other Books ; and also a few Catechisms and Sermons to some other serious People, whom Providence put in our way. Now *Thanks be to God*, saith the Apostle, *which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the Savour of his Knowledge to us in every Place!*

*Tuesday, Jan. 10.* About Four this Morning, Mr. *H.* and I arose, intending to go on board immediately ; But the Wind blew so very violent, that by the Advice of the Boat-men we deferred going on board 'till Day-light ; and therefore after we had kneeled on the Shore, and prayed for ourselves and others, we went back to the Inn ; and took that Opportunity of writing to a Friend or two.

About Seven we took Boat and praised and blessed God to see the Floods clap their Hands. About Eight we came on board, and found we had great Reason to be thankful that we were on Shore last Night : The Sailors told us, that the Lightning shone on the Sea all Night ; that the Storm was very great, and the Ship's Long-Boat was lost.

I read publick Prayers, returned publick Thanks for our Deliverance, and expounded by way of Sermon the Second

Article of the *Creed*, which I began yesterday. Did the same after Evening Prayers. Spent the Remainder of the Day in writing Letters; and have not enjoyed a more calm delightful Frame of Mind a long time.

The Sick increased on my Hands, but were very thankful for furnishing them with Sage Tea, Sugar, Broth, &c. At the Sight of so many Objects of Pity, I was sensibly touched with a fellow feeling of their Miseries. I could not but transverse the *Prodigal's* Complaint, *How many of my Father's Children are ready to perish with Hunger, whilst I have enough and to spare?*

Had a most comfortable Sense of the Divine Presence with me in many Particulars: And in the Evening, joined in Intercession with my other Companions on Deck, in behalf of absent Friends and all Mankind.

*Wednesday, Jan. 11.* Weigh'd from *Margate* Road, and cast Anchor in the *Downs*, the Ship sailing most pleasantly before the Wind. Wrote several Letters whilst the Ship was under Sail. Had my Spirits mightily refreshed upon our Arrival in the *Downs*, by hearing from two or three Christian Brethren at *London*; and was desirous to bless GOD for a providential Opportunity that was offered of sending a whole Packet to them and some other Friends, to acquaint them how lovingly the LORD had dealt with me. *O that the Mercies bestowed on me, may through the Thanksgiving of many redound to the Glory of GOD!*

Had no publick Prayers this Morning, being much hurried in writing Letters to go by Post; and when I went to read, the Soldiers were engaged in their Military Affairs upon Deck: so that I did nothing but visit the Sick. I fear I did foolishly: *Father, forgive me, for thy dear Son's sake!*

Went on in explaining the *Creed* after Evening Prayers, and was enabled to talk of the Crucifixion of our LORD: I believe it pricked them to the Heart. *O that I could hear them cry out, What shall we do to be saved?*

Had the Comfort to hear good was done among the Soldiers; and the Captain was pleased to express his Approbation of my Conduct. *God grant I may with a single Eye seek to please the Captain of my Salvation!*

After Evening Prayers and visiting the Sick, went ashore with Mr. H. to *Deal*; and was so highly delighted with a Prospect of the *Downs*, that we expressed our Thankfulness in singing of Psalms all the way. The Boat-men I believe wonder'd at it at first: but they were not ashamed to *blaspheme*, and I thought I had no reason to be ashamed to *praise* GOD.

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I had the Satisfaction before we got to *Deal*, to hear one of them join seriously with us ; and perceived a surprizing Alteration in their Behaviour always after, *Blessed be GOD!*

About Five we got to *Deal*, and not knowing a single Person, went (as at *Margate*) to pay my respects to the two Ministers of the Place : but finding neither of them at Home, spent the Remainder of the Evening with my Friend *H.* very comfortably in religious Talk, Family Prayer, interceding for absent Friends and all Mankind, and writing to Christian Brethren. And even here GOD did not leave my Ministry without a Witness ; for he was pleased to impress something I said on a poor Woman's Heart, that providentially came in, and joined with us in Family Prayer : for which we endeavoured to thank Him. *Behold how great a Fire this little Spark kindled before we left Deal!*

*Thursday, Jan. 12.* Spent most of the Morning in Writing Letters : Went about Eleven on board, and was highly delighted with the Prospect on the *Downs*, which was exceeding calm ; and a great many beautiful Ships which were riding here added to the Prospect. *O that Men who occupy their Business in the great Waters would (since they cannot but see) admire GOD's Wonders in the Deep!*

Read Prayers and went on explaining the *Creed* to the Soldiers ; visited and prayed with the Sick ; and began this Afternoon to explain the *Catechism* to the Women by themselves : I find they are in Number about sixteen ; and blessed be GOD were much affected. *Prosper thou, O LORD, this Work of my Hands upon me!*

Had some religious Talk with the Surgeon of the Soldiers, who seems very well disposed. I seldom (if ever) see him idle, and find he has many good Qualities. *GOD grant Christianity may be grafted in him!*

After Evening Prayers and expounding the *Creed*, went again to *Deal* with Mr. *H.* to buy some Necessaries for our Companions. Spent the Remainder of the Evening in writing Letters, and reading and praying with eight or nine poor People, who came I suppose at the Report of the other poor Woman to hear me.

*Friday, Jan. 13.* Remained all Day on Shore, the Weather being too rough to go on Board : Was in Care about leaving my Flock so long ; but hope this short Absence will make our Meeting more agreeable to-morrow. Had the Pleasure of joining in publick Worship at *Deal*, in a pretty Chapel ; which was more agreeable on account of our being confined for some time within the narrow Limits of a Ship.



Set apart this Day as a Day of Humiliation, Abstinence, and Intercession for Friends and all Mankind, and found my Heart greatly enlarged in that divine Exercise. *Intercession is a glorious Means to sweeten the Heart.*

Spent the Remainder of the Day, and set up 'till One in the Morning in writing to Friends.

Had two or three added to my Company at Night, who seemed very attentive, and prayed for me most heartily. *The Poor receive the Gospel.* I dispersed some Books among them, as I saw proper: *I hope GOD will give them his Blessing.*

Expected Letters to-night from London, but was disappointed: *GOD enable me in every thing to give Thanks!*

Fancied myself all this Day in my little Cell at Oxford: for I have not spent so many Hours in sweet Retirement since I left the University. The Pleasure I felt was inexpressible.

Saturday, Jan. 14. Spent the Morning in writing Letters, and was much pleased with the pious Conversation of a poor Woman, who was one of my Auditors last Night, and who I believe, has passed through the Pangs of the new Birth.

Hasted on board about Eleven, (the Wind promising fair) to take us out of the Channel, and was affectionately received by the People.

I was greatly delighted to see all the Ships sail together from the Downs. Nature, indeed, would have been glad to have staid till the Morrow, that I might have received Letters from my London Friends, but God, I considered, ordereth all Things for the Good of those that love him, and therefore gave Thanks from my Heart. Examined into the State of my little Ones, (my Friend H's Charge) and had Reason to hope well of them.

Was enlarged in preaching after Prayers to the Soldiers, and spent two most pleasant Hours in reading God's holy Word. At Night, though it was piercingly cold, we continued instant in Intercession on Deck; and the Prospect of a clear Sky, the Stars glittering, and the Moon shining bright, warmed my Heart, and made me *greatly rejoice in Spirit.* I now began to be more reconciled to a Ship Life; for God gave me Health of Body, and, without which all is nothing, Content of Mind. Had near an Hour's Conversation with one who, I hope, will become an altogether Christian. *Oh! that that blessed Time would come.*

Sunday, January 15, 1737. God gave me and Mr. H. sweet Sleep. Had near two Hours Retirement in the Captain's round House, and was much delighted with singing Psalms on Deck with my Companions. Read publick Prayers

ers in the Cabbin this Morning, and was much enlarged in preaching to the Soldiers on this Article, *I believe in the Holy Ghost*: In treating of which, I took Occasion to shew the Nature and Necessity of the New Birth; a Subject on which I delight to dwell.

Catechised the Soldiers, and, blessed be God, find some of them improved. Was enlarged again in my Evening Sermon to the Soldiers, and had Prayers a second Time in the great Cabbin, which gave me no small Satisfaction; the Officers, &c. willingly comply'd as soon as I impos'd it; *GOD be praised!*

Had great Delight in reading the Holy Scriptures, enjoy'd an unspeakable Peace of Mind, and was much comforted in interceding for Friends, &c. on Deck. The Weather was cold, and the Wind blew very hard; but when the Heart is full of God, outward Things affect it little. *Surely my Friends in England pray for me; methinks I feel they do.*

All the Day the Sea was entirely becalm'd; every Thing about us seem'd hush'd and quiet, as though it would remind us of that sacred Rest the Day was set apart to commemorate. In the Evening the Wind blew very fresh, but being full against us, we were obliged to sail back to the Downs (though we had got near fifty Miles) where we arrived about Twelve a Clock.

Monday, January 16. After private Prayer, was most agreeably entertain'd with some Letters from my London Friends, which fill'd my Soul with unspeakable Pleasure, and caused me to shed Tears of Joy. *If the Correspondence of good People is so transporting here, O! how unspeakably ravishing must the Personal Communion of Saints be hereafter. Hasten, O Lord, that blessed Time, and let thy Kingdom come.*

Was a little affected by seeing a poor Soldier tied Neck and Heels, for several mutinous Words he had spoken. The Captain related the Case to me, and said, if I could make him sensible of his Crime, I might beg him off. I endeavour'd to do it, but, alas, in vain; he continued obstinate, and thereby hindered my Design taking Effect. After this, the Captain ordered him to be tied down between Decks; from whence I took Occasion, in my Morning Sermon, to exhort the Soldiers to obey them that *had the Rule over them*, and to avoid those Sins, that would provoke God to command them to be *tied Hand and Foot, and to be cast into outer Darkness, where would be weeping and gnashing of Teeth.*

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About Twelve, a *Deal* Boat coming along Side, I was minded to go on Shore to answer my Letters. The Sea was very boisterous, but God brought us to Shore rejoicing. *O wherefore did I in the least fear? What am I, when left to myself!*

It being the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of the Month, Mr. H. and I joined in an Hour's Intercession and Abstinence, with all those that meet together to bewail their own and the Sins of the Nation. About Four, took some Bodily Refreshment; and from thence till One in the Morning, continued answering my Correspondents, having first spread their Letters before the Lord in Prayer, and begged that I might send them Answers of Peace.

*Tuesday, January 17.* Was awaken'd with an Alarm, that the Ship was ready to sail, but found it soon contradicted. Spent an Hour in-particular Intercession, and the rest of the Morning in writing Letters, and teaching Mr. H. Latin. *Oh that I may be made an Instrument of breeding him up for God!*

Came on board about Two in the Afternoon, and found all Things quiet in the Ship, was most kindly received; and I observed the Women were very attentive when I proceeded to explain the Catechism to them. *May God open their Hearts as he did that of Lydia, that these may give diligent Heed to the Things that are spoken.*

Was much enlarged in my Evening Discourse, and hope the Word entered into their Hearts. Was kindly invited by the Post-Master of *Deal*, to lye at his House. Gained an Opportunity, by walking at Night on Deck, after Intercession, to talk closely to the Chief Mate, and one of the Sergeants of the Regiment, and hope my Words were not altogether spoken in vain. *O that all Men would come to the Knowledge of the Truth, and be saved!*

*Wednesday, January 18.* Spent all the Morning in Retirement, reading the Scriptures, publick Prayer, and preaching; the Weather being extremely pleasant.

Began to live by Rule more than ever; for nothing I find is to be done without it. All that had been sick being recovered, came to Prayers, for whom I gave Thanks; particularly to them: At the End of my Sermon exhorting them with the utmost Earnestness, to *Sin no more, lest a worse Evil should befall them*, and to shew forth their Thankfulness, not only with their Lips, but in their Lives. *O that there may be always in them such a Mind.*

Finished



Finished my Exposition on the *Creed*. Read publick Prayers, and preached as usual in the Afternoon. Catechised both my own Companions and the Soldiers; and was pleased to see many others very attentive to hear.

Had great Comfort in reading the Scriptures. Was afterwards a little inclined to Heaviness, but drove it off by a long Intercession. *Prayer is an Antidote against every Evil.*

Upon Examination, had Reason to hope my Companions grew in Grace; *blessed be God for it!*

About Eleven at Night went and set down among the Sailors in the Steerage, and reasoned with them *about Righteousness, Temperance, and a Judgment to come*; at which some of them almost trembled.

*Thursday, January 19.* Was much comforted by hearing from my Friends. Began, after Prayers this Morning, to explain the Catechism to the Soldiers, and draw proper Inferences by way of Sermon: I find it is much approved of, and, for them, by far the fittest Way of Instruction.

Spent the Afternoon in answering Correspondents; was much assisted in my Evening Exposition on the Catechism; and had great Hopes of two Soldiers becoming Christians indeed: *Would to God all the King's Soldiers were such!*

Was enabled to compose great Part of a new Sermon this Evening. Inlarged in Intercession, and afterwards much rejoiced by three more Letters, and set up 'till One in the Morning, to answer them. *Whatsoever thou findest in thy Hand to do, saith the wise Man, do it with all thy Might.*

We had now such a calm and smooth Sea, that all the People every where expressed their Admiration of it. *God grant we may in a Calm provide for a Storm; and, like the primitive Christians, when the Churches had Rest, walk in the Comforts of the Holy Ghost, and be edified!*

*Friday, January 20.* Rose with great Peace of Mind, spent all the Morning in composing a Sermon.

Happily composed a Difference between a Soldier and his Wife, who were one of the four Couple I married when first I came on board: The Man had resolved to leave her, but upon my reminding him of his Marriage Vow, and entreating him with Love, he immediately took to her again. *What may not a Minister do through Christ, when his Flock love him?* Almost finished the Sermon I began Yesterday, *blessed be GOD!*

Went on in expounding the *Catechism* after Evening Prayer; and now began to read the first Lesson, which I purposefully omitted before, not knowing they would bear it, and wil-

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ling to imitate *Jacob*, who was careful of his little Ones, not to over drive them.

Proposed to the Captain to read a few Prayers in the great Cabbin every Night, which he readily consented to, and withal said, he should be glad to hear me preach, whenever I should think proper.

Was surprised in the midst of my Evening's Discourse by the chief Mate, who came and told me, that the Minister of *Upper Deal* had sent a Boat for me, desiring me immediately to come on Shore. Accordingly, after I had concluded, Mr. *H.* and I went and found the Minister, which was left to officiate, who desired me, at the Request of the Inhabitants, to preach the *Sunday* following. After this, we retired to our Lodging in *Deal*; and after a Sermon, and long Intercession, was unspeakably comforted by the Reception of several Letters from Persons, who, I believe, sincerely fear God. At which my Heart was so full, that I could not but kneel down, pray, and return Thanks to God for them.

Found the Number of my Hearers greatly increased to Night, and very joyful to see me once more on Shore. I sate up 'till One in the Morning, answering my Correspondents, and then laid down, filled with such Joy as no Man could take from me, nor a Stranger intermeddle with. Oh that all Men knew the Comforts of Religion!

*Saturday, January 21.* Spent all the Day in writing Letters, and delightful Conversation with Mr. *H.*

At Night, the Number of my Hearers was so increased, that the Stairs were full, as well as my Room. I expounded to them the 25<sup>th</sup> of *St. Matthew*, at which they were much affected, and seemed to love and pray for me most earnestly: *And I desire to have no greater Portion than the Prayers of the Poor.*

Sate up 'till One, writing Letters; gave Thanks for the Blessing of the Week, and then lay down in Peace, hoping to rise early the next Morning, more fit for my Master's Service.

*Sunday, January 22.* About Nine went on board with Capt. *W.* who is always extremely civil. Visited the Sick, and read Prayers in the Great Cabbin. Read Prayers, and preached my Sermon on Early Piety, on open Deck to the Soldiers; the Officers, and other Gentlemen, attending very seriously. The Weather was very cold, but Preaching warmed my Heart.

About Noon went on Shore with Capt. *W.* and Mr. *H.* Dined at the Post-Master's, who received us hospitably. Afternoon,

Afternoon, preached at *Upper Deal*, on *Acts xxviii. 26.* Many seemed pricked to the Heart, and some so quickened, that they expressed a Desire to follow me wherever I should go. *O free Grace in CHRIST JESUS!* I have scarce known a Time I have preached any where, but I have seen some Effect of my Doctrine. *From the Hearts of the Mighty the Word of the LORD hath not turned back, the Sword of the Spirit returned not empty.* A Proof this, I hope, that the Words are not my own, and that God is with me of a Truth: *May I never, by Pride and Vain Glory, provoke him to depart from me.*

Stay'd all Night on Shore, to expound the LORD's Prayer, and had a large Company to hear me, and should have had seven Hundred, as my Hostess told me, would the House have held them. *So swiftly ran the Word of God and prevailed.*

Was again refreshed by receiving five Letters. Sat up till past Ten, to answer some of them, and then went to Rest, with comfortable Reflections of God's unmerited loving Kindness to me.

I.

*Ten Thousand, Thousand precious Gifts,  
My pious Thanks employ:  
Nor is the least a thankful Heart  
That tastes those Gifts with Joy.*

II.

*Through all Eternity, to God  
My grateful Song I'll raise:  
But oh! Eternity's too short  
To set forth all his Praise.*

*Monday, January 23.* Was much comforted by receiving five more Letters; answered some of them; and about Eleven in the Morning went on board the *Amy*, to pay my Respects to Col. C. and to visit the Soldiers, whom I looked upon as Part of my Charge. I was received very civilly by the Officers; went among the Soldiers; enquired into the State of their Souls; gave them a Word or two of Exhortation; promised to bring them some Books (I saw their Wants) and (at the Officer's Request) to come and preach to them, if Opportunity should offer, before we left the *Downs*.

After this, I visited the *Lightfoot*, our other Transport Ship, in which were about twelve Soldiers and a Serjeant; they received me kindly. I sat down and conversed with them; promised to send them some Books, and to come



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and preach to them also, if Providence should permit. The *Downs* being exceeding calm, and the Weather clear, going from Ship to Ship was very pleasant. *Mine are but little Flocks, O that it may be my heavenly Father's good Pleasure to give them the Kingdom.*

About Two went again on board the *Amy*, to dine with the Officers, being kindly invited by them when I was before on board: They all treated me with great Kindness, and in the midst of our Meal was most agreeably surpris'd by the coming of two *London* Friends, who made a Journey from thence (*O unmerited Love*) on Purpose to see me.

Dinner being ended, I went and dispers'd some Books among the Soldiers; took my leave and hasten'd on-board my own Ship; read Prayers and preached, and then went on Shore with my Friends, not being a little rejoic'd to see them.

*January 23.* This Night God let me see greater Things than before, for so many came to hear me that the poor Landlady that owned the House where I lodged sent to her Tenants, beseeching them to let no more come in for fear the Floor should break under them; and indeed there were such Numbers that I first expounded the Creed to about eighty, and then the second Lesson to as many more; among whom I observ'd there were many of the chief Inhabitants.

About Eleven they went, and I then rejoic'd with my Friends for what God had done for my Soul, eat a little Food, interceded for absent Friends, and all Mankind, and went to Bed about Two in the Morning. *Oh what shall I render unto the Lord for all the Mercies he pours down upon me!*

*Tuesday Jan. 24.* Spent all the Morning in writing Letters, walking, singing Psalms, and Intercession all along the Sea Shore, from whence we had a most delightful Prospect of the *Downs*, which afforded me and my Friends most noble Matter for Praise and Thanksgiving. Met with a little Opposition to-day; but I should have wonder'd indeed, if such an effectual Door had been opened for *preaching Christ*, and and there had been no Adversaries. Nothing has done more Harm to the Christian Church than thinking the Examples recorded in Holy Scriptures, were written only to be read and not imitated by us.

More People came to hear me to-night than ever, so that I divid'd them into two Companies again, and providentially from the second Lesson for the Morning, had a glorious Opportunity for shewing the absolute Unlawfulness of  
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running or buying Run Goods, a Sin that doth most easily beset the *Deal* People.

After Exposition paid Mr. E. a Visit, who most kindly entertained us and offered me his Boat to go or come on Shore when I pleased, which would save me much Expence. After we returned from his House, we kneeled down on the Sea Shore, and prayed for them that opposed themselves; and then went to Bed, blessing and praising GOD.

*Wednesday, Jan. 25.* Went on board in the Morning with my Friends intending to read Prayers and preach to the Soldiers, but they were engaged about their own Affairs, and I could not stay long. — Had great Civilities shewed us by the Officers, &c. who treated my Friends respectfully, and the Captain, upon my Request, pardoned a Woman who otherwise was to have been sent on Shore.

After Breakfast return'd on Shore with my Friends, and read Prayers, and preached at *Upper Deal* to a large Congregation; I was surpris'd to see such a Number of People, but all *Deal* seems to be in a holy Flame, and was I prepared for it I should see still greater Things than these.

Dined at Mr. R's a Grocer in *Deal* with my Friends; we were most hospitably entertained, and what was far better, had an excellent Opportunity given me of discoursing for a considerable Time on our Fall in *Adam*, and the Necessity of our New Birth in JESUS CHRIST.

Expounded to two Companies again at Night the Epistle for the Morning, and the two Lessons for the Evening, as most suitable for the Day, and was enabled to do it with Power: More People came to Night than before, so that they now did actually put a Prop under the Floor of the Room. Was agreeably entertained with more Letters, and tho' the Duty of the Day had a little fatigued me, yet God strengthened me to set up 'till Three in the Morning, answering my Christian Correspondents. *They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their Strength.*

*Thursday, Jan. 26.* I had a Visit paid me by an Anabaptist Teacher, who came to discourse with me about the Things that belong to the Kingdom of God. By what I could find he was a spiritual Man. I asked him several Questions about taking the ministerial Function, without being called as was *Aaron*; but he did not answer me to my Satisfaction, however, we both agreed in this, That *unless a Man be born again, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of GOD.*

I was much comforted by the coming of two more Friends from London, with whom I took sweet Comfort, and could not but fancy myself once more at London, being surrounded with religious Intimates.

## I.

*How sweet must their Advantage be,  
How great their Pleasure prove,  
Who live like Brethren and consent  
In Offices of Love.*

## II.

*'Tis like refreshing Dew, which does  
On Hermon's Top distill,  
Or like the early Drops that fall  
On Zion's fruitful Hill.*

In the Afternoon I took my Friends on board, read Prayers and preached to the Soldiers; after this, went on Shore, sung Psalms with my Friends, and then expounded to the People, who now increased so much that I was obliged to divide them into three Companies, and God enabled me to continue expounding three Hours without any Intermision, or the least Weariness. *Thanks be to GOD for his strengthening Grace! as our Day is, so shall our Strength be.*

Received three more Letters, and set up 'till One in the Morning to answer some sent before, and then went to Bed rejoicing and blessing God for the great Things he had done for me. But withal desirous to say with the Divine Herbert,  
*Less than the least of God's Mercies shall be my Motto still.*

*Friday, Jan. 27.* Spent the Beginning of the Morning in writing Letters, then breakfasted with all my Friends at one Mrs. P's a Widow Gentlewoman, who kindly invited, and as kindly entertained us. *The LORD reward her a thousand fold.*

About Twelve I came on board being unwilling to be absent from my proper Charge long together. I was received kindly, visited the sick and catechised the Soldiers, some of whom answered most aptly, for which I distributed amongst them all something I knew would be agreeable. *Oh! that I may catch them by a holy Guile! but that Power belongeth only unto God.*

About Two came a Clergyman on board, from a neighbouring Village to pay me a Visit, with whom I spent an Hour or two agreeably, had Prayers on open Deck, and in-  
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forced the Duty of keeping holy the *Sabbath Day*, which then came in Course to be explained, but was afraid to sing a Psalm, Mr. H. being at Deal with Friends. *Where was my Courage then? Lord what am I when left to myself!*

At Five returned ashore with the Clergyman to whom I promised some Books for his Parishioners. Expounded three Hours to three Companies as before. Glad Tidings of great Joy sent me by four or five Correspondents, set up till One in the Morning, answering them, and then went to Bed and had a *feeling Possession of my GOD. And will GOD in very deed, dwell in this Heart of mine? O free Grace in CHRIST. Praise the LORD, O my Soul, and all that is within me praise his Holy Name!*

Spent the Morning most agreeably in Conversation, Intercession for all Friends, and all Mankind, walking on the Sea Shore.

Dined with Mrs. S<sup>L</sup>. who hospitably entertained us. Went about Three in the Afternoon intending to go on board, but could not, which gave me a little Uneasiness, thinking it by no Means right to leave my Flock so long.

At Night I expounded to three Companies more numerous than before. Received Letters, and sat up 'till One in the Morning answering them, and went to sleep in order to fit myself for the Duties of the following *Sabbath*.

*Sunday, Jan. 29.* Went on board early in the Morning, read Prayers, and preached to the Soldiers, and visited the Sick; then return'd on Shore, and accompanied with a Troop of pious Friends hasted to *Shrouden Church*, about a Mile and half distant from *Deal*. Where I preached to a weeping thronged Congregation, at the Request of the Minister, who at my Request, gave me and my Friends the Blessed Sacrament. Others staid also, to the Number of sixteen: And (which I never observed before) the Clerk pronounced a loud *Amen* to every Person that received either Bread or Wine: An excellent Custom, and worthy in my Opinion to be imitated in all Churches.

After this I and my Friends went on our Way rejoicing, dined comfortably at Mr. R's, and in the Afternoon preached at *Upper Deal*. The Church was quite crowded and many went away for Want of Room, some stood on the Leads of the Church on the outside, and looked in at the Top Windows, and all seemed eager to hear the Word of God. I preached against *Worldly-Mindedness*, and had great Reason to think God gave it his Blessing.

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The Weather was exceeding pleasant, and seeing the People go in such Flocks over the Fields, put me in mind of our Blessed LORD's Words, when he saw the People coming in Companies from *Samaria*: *The Fields are white already to Harvest*. I then prayed, that he would be pleased to enable me to gather *Wheat into his heavenly Garner*.

In the Evening, such Numbers came to hear me, that I was obliged to divide them into four Companies; and God enabled me to expound to them from Six 'till Ten. Some would have persuaded me to have dismissed the last Company without Expounding, but I could not bear to let so many go empty away: And I find the more we do for GOD, the more we may. My Strength held out surprisingly; I was but little if at all fatigued; or if I had, I should have been sufficiently recompensed by some Letters, which I received from my dear Friends, which gave me unspeakable Satisfaction: And after I had perused them, I took a little Refreshment, rejoiced and gave Thanks with my Friends for the Blessings of the Day, and went to our respective Beds about Twelve at Night. *Oh! Who can express the Loving Kindness of the LORD, or shew forth all his Praise?*

Monday, Jan. 30. At the Request of the Inhabitants, and the Leave of Mr. R. (who sent from *Canterbury* a most obliging Message,) I preached again at *Upper Deal* to as crouded and attentive Audience, as I had yesterday: and afterwards I with Mr. H. waited upon the Rev. Mr. W. who read Prayers, and most courteously invited me to come and see him. Our Conversation run chiefly on the Expediency of Baptising Infants at *Church*. I continued with him about an Hour; and then at his Request visited a poor Woman of the Parish, who was grievously troubled in Mind: and God was pleased to bless my Ministry to her Comfort. *To Him be all the Glory!*

## I.

*So poor so frail an Instrument  
If thou my God vouchsafe to use,  
'Tis Praise enough to be employ'd,  
Reward enough if Thou excuse.*

## II.

*If Thou excuse, then work thy Will,  
By so unfit an Instrument;  
It will at once thy Goodness shew,  
And prove thy Pow'r Omnipotent!*

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Soon after this we went to Mr. R's, where our Friends expected us: But we had not been long there before the Wind shifted about on a sudden, and a Cry came *The Wind is fair, prepare yourselves for Sailing*. I received the News with an humble Joy. But Sorrow I perceived filled the Hearts of my dear Friends, who came from *London* to see me. We immediately retired, intending to intercede for all Mankind before we parted: But the People were in such a Hurry, for fear the Sea should grow too tempestuous to go off, that we were obliged to be very brief. Having therefore recommended ourselves to God, I took my Leave. But oh, what Affection did the *Deal* People express to my unworthy Person! for no sooner were they apprized of the Wind being fair, but they came running in Drove after me to the Sea Shore, wishing me good Luck in the Name of the LORD; and with Tears and other Expressions of Kindness praying for my Success and safe Return. I was confounded with a Sense of God's Mercies to me.

The Sea was very boistrous indeed, and the Waves rose Mountains high: But God was pleased to give Mr. H. and me an unusual Degree of Faith, and we went on singing Psalms and praising God, the Water dashing in our Faces all the Way. Doubtless we were in jeopardy, *But wherefore should we fear, having so many on Shore praying for us?*

About Five we came on board, and were received with Joy: For the Ship was under Sail, and the People were afraid I should be left behind. As I was going into the great Cabin, I fell down the Steerage Stairs; but received little or no Hurt. After we had sailed for a short time, the Man of War not moving, we cast Anchor again. Mr. H. was so sick by the Ship's Motion after we came on board, that he was obliged to go to Bed.

*Tuesday, Jan. 31.* Spent the Morning in writing Letters, visiting the Sick, reading Prayers and preaching to the Soldiers.

About Twelve was pleasingly surpris'd with another Sight of my *London* Friends, who stay'd at *Deal* all Night, and finding the Ship did not sail, came with some more *Deal* Friends to take me on Shore, that I might bid them once more farewell. I was a little unwilling at first, but by their Importunity and affectionate Intreaties they even compelled me. I accordingly went with them, singing Psalms and praising God all the way.

But I had scarce been on Shoar an Hour before the Man of War gave a Signal for sailing; and so we were obliged to hasten



hasten back on board. The People expressed much Joy at seeing me come to *Deal* again, and accompanied me to the Sea Shore, as before.

The Weather being fair, we went on board with Pleasure: The Ship was under sail, but we met with it, and were received affectionately. *I hope that these frequent and sudden Removes will put me in mind that I have here no continuing City; and stir me up to live so holily, that was GOD at any time to say, This Night shall thy Soul be required of thee; I might with Pleasure say, Lo I come!*

Another Thing I could not but reflect on Yesterday, when I saw *Deal* all in a Confusion when the Wind shifted about so suddenly, some crying for one Thing, some another, but all anxious lest their Ship should sail without them: *Alas! what Confusion (thought I) will the Inhabitants of the World be in, when in a Moment, in the Twinkling of an Eye, they shall hear the Voice of the Archangel and Trump of GOD, crying aloud, Arise, ye Dead, and come to Judgment!*

After I was on board, I preached, read Prayers to the Soldiers, visited the Sick, wrote some Letters, and interceded for all Mankind on Deck; and retired to Bed about Twelve.

Our Ship sailed briskly for a few Hours; but the Wind shifting again, was obliged to return back once more, and we cast Anchor in the *Downs* about Nine at Night.

After this I went chearfully about my Ministerial Business, visited the Sick, read Prayers and preached to the Soldiers, answered some Letters I had received in the Morning.

Sent some Books for the Soldiers on board the *Lightfoot*: and at Night went on Shore at *Deal* with Mr. H. where we were most kindly received and courteously entertained and lodged at Mr. R's: *The Lord reward him a thousand Fold!* Did nothing that Night, it being late, save that I visited a sick Person at her earnest Desire and the Minister's Consent, and talked about half an Hour on the Benefit of Afflictions.

Answered two or three Letters I received after I came on Shore; prayed with some well-disposed People that were at Mr. R's, and about Twelve went to Bed.

*Thursday, Feb. 2.* Rose early in the Morning; went on board in Mr. E's Boat, intending to read Prayers and preach to the Soldiers, and then return to *Upper Deal* to preach there, being asked to do so by the Inhabitants and the Minister.

About Ten o' Clock there sprung up a pleasant fair Gale, which carried us from the *Downs* near forty Miles that Day; during which Time I read Prayers, preached to and catechised

chised my Soldiers, wrote some Letters, and had an Opportunity of sending them as we sailed by *Dover*; for which I was desirous to bless God.

Any one must needs think I should have been glad to have heard from \*Mr. *Wesley*, as he went by *Deal*; I but consider'd God order'd all Things for the best: and therefore I now joyfully went, but not knowing whither I went; and doubted not but He that strengthened *David* when he went out against *Goliath*, would also strengthen me against all my spiritual Adversaries, and send his HOLY GHOST to guide, assist, and comfort me in all Emergencies. *The Good LORD keep me always thus minded!*

*Friday, Feb. 3.* Let this Day be noted in my Book; for God wrought for us a wonderful Deliverance! About Seven in the Morning, the Men upon Deck not keeping a good look-out, one of the *East-India* Ships in shifting to the Wind ran near us so very briskly, that had not Captain *W.* providentially been on Deck, and beseeched them for God's sake to tack about, both the Ships must inevitably have split one against another. They were within four Yards of each other. The Captain said he never was in so great Danger in his Life. God so ordered it, that Mr. *H.* and I knew nothing of it 'till it was over: But when I was apprised of it, I endeavoured to excite all to Thankfulness, and returned publick Thanks at Prayers. Too many seemed to be unsensible of the Mercy received. But,

*Since GOD does thus his wond'rous Love  
Thro' all our Lives extend,  
Those Lives to Him let us devote,  
And in his Service spend.*

Read publick Prayers and preached to the Soldiers as usual; explained the *Catechism* to the Women, exhorted them particularly to be obedient to their own Husbands, which they had lately been wanting in: And was pleased to hear the Captain, as I came on Deck, remind me of the Motion I made to him some time ago, about having Prayers daily in the Great Cabin; and withal desired that from henceforward I would read Prayers Morning and Evening to them. This I most readily consented to, it being what I had long desired and prayed for, and what I was just then about to propose to him again. Accordingly I went immediately and acquainted the Lieutenant, &c. of the Captain's Desire, and

\* He came from Georgia to England just as Mr. Whitefield left it.

we began this Night to have full publick Prayers: And at the Request of Captain *W.* I expounded the second Lesson; and a glorious Lesson it was. *Blessed be GOD! for that I hope we shall now begin to live like Christians, and call upon the Name of the LORD daily.* The very Thoughts of God's granting me this Petition, filled me with Joy.

*Saturday, Feb. 4.* Began to have Prayers in the great Cabin in the Morning; read Prayers and preached twice to the Soldiers as usual; and expounded the second Lesson in the Evening to the Gentlemen after Prayers in the great Cabin, which from henceforward I intended, God willing, to continue: Unspeakable I find is and will be the Benefit of it; for it gives me an Opportunity of saying many salutary Truths, and affords us Matter for serious Table-talk afterwards.

Was much pleased to see our Ship sail directly before the Wind; was enlarged in Intercession; furnished three Soldiers with Books, who began to-day to learn to read: *GOD enable them not only to read, but to do their Duty!*

Mr. *H's* Scholars increase: *The LORD increase his Strength!*

*Sunday, Feb. 5.* Joined in Spirit with absent Friends in holy Ordinances; spent some Time most delightfully in reading the Word of God: Read Prayers, and made some Observations on both the Lessons in the great Cabin; and then read Prayers and expounded both the Lessons to the Soldiers. *O that the LORD would open our Understandings! for they are but a dead Letter without the Illumination of his Holy Spirit!*

Read Prayers and preached my Sermon on *Justification* in the Afternoon to the Officers, &c. in the great Cabin.

Begun to-night to turn the Observations made on the Lessons in the Morning into catechistical Questions; and was pleased to hear some of the Soldiers and my Companions make such apt Answers. I find this an excellent Way of Instruction: It makes them bring their Bible, and give diligent heed to the Things that are spoken: It teaches them the Scriptures practically, and consequently will by the Divine Blessing make them wise unto Salvation. *Thanks be to GOD, for putting this into my Heart! By His Assistance I intend to continue it.*

*Monday, Feb. 6.* Had no Prayers in the Morning between Decks; but read Prayers in the Cabin, likewise did the same in the Evening, and expounded the 6th Chapter of *St. Matt.* the second Lesson, which containing an Account of *John's* reproving *Herod*, gave me an Opportunity of telling them, that



that great Men should not be angry if Ministers should reprove them out of Love; and they seemed to assent to it.

Read Prayers and preached to the Soldiers as usual; interceded warmly for absent Friends and all Mankind; and went to Bed full of Peace and Joy. *Thanks be to GOD for his unspeakable Gift!*

Was pleased to see Mr. H. so active in teaching the Children. He has now many Scholars: *May GOD prosper the Works of his Hands upon him!*

Had such pleasant Sailing, that Capt. W. said he never knew the like before. *What Reason have I to be thankful! O that my Friends would help me to give Thanks!*

*Tuesday, Feb. 7.* Read Prayers and expounded the Lessons as usual to the Soldiers and in the great Cabin; and after Dinner sung Psalms with Mr. H. and a Gentleman on board, on open Deck.

Being now in the Bay of Biscay, the Ship rocked very much, though there was a great Calm: *But if there's a fixed Principle of Grace, a firm Love of GOD, rooted in the Heart; what avails all outward Motions?*

*Wednesday, Feb. 8.* Had publick Worship and expounded as usual to both my Congregations. Was pleased to hear a Gentleman discourse for some time of the utter Inability of any thing to make us happy but God.

In the Afternoon I preached and read Prayers on open Deck, at the Captain's Desire, who ordered Chairs to be brought and Boards put across them for the Soldiers to sit upon. My Subject was, *the Eternity of Hell Torments*; and I was earnest in delivering it, being desirous that none of my dear Hearers should experience them. Praying and singing Psalms on open Deck enlarged my Heart.

Was enabled to make good part of a Sermon this Evening, and lay down to sleep. *GOD grant I may die daily!*

*Thursday, Feb. 9.* Read Prayers, expounded and catechised as usual; had delightful Sailing, and great Joy in the HOLY GHOST, and very thankful that GOD called me abroad to see and admire his Wonders in the Deep. *O who can serve a better Master than JESUS CHRIST?*

*Friday, Feb. 10.* Read Prayers, and according to Custom went on in explaining the *Catechism* to the Women; and after Evening Prayer expounded the 49<sup>th</sup> Psalm instead of the Lesson. Had still greater Reason to bless God for bringing me to Sea. *O what shall I render unto the LORD?*

*Saturday, Feb. 11.* Catechised, visited the Sick, expounded and read Prayers as usual; and met with some Soldiers who

could sing by Note, with whom I propose to join in Divine Psalmody every Day.

*A Psalm may win him who a Sermon flies,  
And turn Delight into a Sacrifice.*

In the Evening gave Thanks for the Blessings, and examined into the Actions of the past Week. *It's well I have a Saviour to satisfy for my Performances as well as my Person, for otherwise how should I stand before thee, O Holy LORD GOD? GOD be merciful to me a Sinner.*

Sunday, Feb. 12. Did as usual, and preached my Sermon on Glorification to the Gentlemen in the great Cabin. *Oh that GOD may make us Partakers of it!*

Honest Joseph my Servant returned Thanks after Morning Prayer for his Recovery from a late severe Fit of Sicknes. I hope now CHRIST has touched him by the right Hand of his healing Power, he will arise and minister unto Him. He tells me he can say with David, *It is good for me that I have been afflicted. GOD be praised! for sanctified Afflictions are Signs of special Love.*

Monday, Feb. 13. Did as usual; only instead of the second Lesson, expounded the 22<sup>d</sup> Chapter of St. Matthew, at the Captain's Request, who takes all Opportunities to express his Kindness to me: *May the GOD whom I serve sanctify and save him!*

Tuesday, Feb. 14. May I never forget this Day's Mercies, since the LORD was pleased to deal so lovingly with me! About Twelve at Night a fresh Gale arose, which increased so very much by Four in the Morning, that the Waves raged horribly indeed, and broke in like a great River on many of the poor Soldiers, who lay near the Main Hatch Way. Friend H. and I knew nothing of it, but perceived ourselves restless, and could not sleep at all; he complained of a grievous Head-ach. I arose and called upon GOD for myself and those that sailed with me, absent Friends, and all Mankind. After this I went on Deck; but surely a more noble awful Sight my Eyes never yet beheld! for the Waves rose more than Mountain high, and sometimes came on the Quarter-Deck. I endeavoured all the while to magnify GOD, for thus making his Power to be known: And then creeping on my Knees (for I knew not how to go otherwise) I followed my Friend H. between Decks, and sung Psalms and comforted the poor wet People. After this, I read Prayers in the great Cabin; but we were obliged to sit all the while. Then thinking I should be capable of doing nothing,

thing, I laid myself across the Chair reading; but God was so good, so to assist me by his Spirit, that though Things were tumbling, the Ship rocking, and Persons falling down unable to stand, and sick about me; yet I never was more chearful in my Life, and was enabled, though in the midst of Company, to finish a Sermon before I went to Bed, which I had begun a few Days before: So greatly was God's Strength magnified in my Weakness! *Praise the LORD, O my Soul, and all that is within me praise his holy Name!*

*Thursday, February 16.* Did as usual in the Ship; only instead of Catechising, examined into the Proficiency of my Friend H's Scholars; gave them proper Encouragement, as I saw they wanted; and had Hopes some of them would become living Members of JESUS CHRIST.

Joined with those at Night, who set apart this Day as a Day of Fasting and Humiliation, to deprecate the Judgments our National Sins deserve. *Lord, hear our Prayers, and let our Cry come unto thee.*

*Friday, February 17.* Read Prayers, expounded the Lessons, and proceeded in my Explanation of the Catechism to the Women: Expounded Part of the LORD's Prayer, after Evening Prayer, in the great Cabin; and intend, after this is done, to go on with the Creed and Ten Commandments. *God give us all praying, believing, obedient Hearts.*

Found honest Mr. D. particularly useful to me, I being a little sick by the late shaking of the Ship, and the Heat and Smell of the People between Decks, who, as yet, have scarce had Time to recover themselves since the Storm. *O how soon are these frail Tabernacles of ours put out of Order! Happy the Man who serves God in his Health, and has nothing to do when Sickness seizes him, but quietly to lye down and die.*

*Saturday, February 18.* Performed the usual Duty, and finished the LORD's Prayer. Perceived my Bodily Disorders to go off, and was enabled to preach to the Soldiers with more Enlargement than I have been for these four Days past. The Captain observed me a little disordered, and gave Mr. H. a Cordial for me; the good LORD note this Favour in his Book.

After Dinner I grew better and better; was exceedingly delighted by sitting on Deck, praising God for the Pleasantness of the Weather, and reading Archbishop Cranmer's Life: *Surely he was a righteous Man.* The Account of his Fall made my Heart tremble within me. *But why shouldest thou be cast down, O my Soul? Still trust in God: He that has begun*



*begun will carry on and finish the good Work. Even so, LORD JESUS, come quickly.*

Though the Weather was exceeding pleasant all the Day, yet it grew more and more pleasant in the Evening, and our Ship sailed at the Rate of nine Miles an Hour, and as steddily as though we were sitting on Shore. The Night was exceeding clear, and the Moon and Stars appeared in their greatest Lustre; so that not having Patience to stay below, I went upon Deck with Friend H. and praised God for his wonderful loving Kindness, in singing Psalms, and gave Thanks for the Blessings, and asked Pardon for the Offences of the Week, and then had a long Intercession. *God grant I may learn a Lesson from this good Providence of God; and the nearer I come to my Journey's End, the quicker may my Pace be.*

It is worth coming from England, to see what we have beheld this Day. *God be praised for all his Mercies.*

*Sunday, February 19.* Slept better to Night than I have a long while; *blessed be the Keeper of Israel.* Read Prayers in the great Cabin; was enlarged in expounding both the Lessons to the Soldiers; and had Prayers, and preached one of the Sermons God enabled me to make since I came on board; on open Deck in the Afternoon. All the Gentlemen attended, Benches were laid for the People, and the Ship sailed smoothly, and the Weather was finer than I can express; so that I know not where I have performed the Service more comfortably. And, indeed, I have been so delighted these two Days, with our pleasant sailing, and the Promontaries all around us, that I could not avoid thanking God for calling me abroad, and stirring up all to praise him; *Who by his Strength setteth fast the Mountains, and is girded about with Power.*

For these two Days our Ship has sailed at the Rate of a Hundred and sixty Miles in twenty four Hours, and rode in Triumph directly before the Wind, and cast Anchor about Two in the Morning; 'till which Time, I sat up on purpose to give Thanks in Gibraltar Haven. *Oh that my Friends would therefore praise the Lord for his Goodness, and extoll him for the wonderful Works he doth for me, the least of the Sons of Men.*

How Providence will be pleased to dispose of me here, I cannot yet know; but I thought proper to send you this Account of my short Voyage already, to shew you how God has heard your Prayers, to provoke you to Thankfulness, and

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to encourage you to persevere in praying on my Behalf. If you observe (as doubtless you may) any Thing amiss or imprudent in my Conduct, I beseech you, by the Mercies of GOD in CHRIST JESUS, tell me plainly; for, for that Cause have I been so particular: And if you should happen to see any Thing commendable, or Praise-worthy in my Behaviour, oh do not think more highly of me than you ought to think; for I am a Worm, and no Man, and deserve to be the Out-cast of the People; but *give all Glory to my blessed Master, by whose free Grace I am what I am.*

I cannot help transcribing the Verses that follow, as a Conclusion to what I have now sent you.

I.

*How are thy Servants bless'd, O Lord!  
How sure is their Defence!  
Eternal Wisdom is their Guard;  
Their Help Omnipotence.*

II.

*Think, O my Soul, devoutly think,  
How with affrighted Eyes  
Thou saw'st the wide extended Deep  
In all its Horrors rise!*

III.

*Confusion dwelt in ev'ry Face,  
And Fear in ev'ry Heart;  
When Waves on Waves, and Gulph on Gulph,  
O'ercame the Pilot's Art.*

IV.

*Yet then from all my Griefs, O Lord!  
Thy Mercy set me free;  
Whilst in the Confidence of Prayer,  
My Soul took Hold on Thee.*

V.

*For though in dreadful Whirls we hung  
High on the broken Wave;  
I knew Thou wer't not slow to hear,  
Nor impotent to save.*

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## VI.

*The Storms were laid, the Winds retir'd,  
Obedient to thy Will:  
The Sea, that roar'd at thy Command,  
At thy Command was still.*

## VII.

*In midst of Dangers, Fears, and Death,  
Thy Goodness I'll adore;  
And praise Thee for thy Mercies past,  
And humbly hope for more.*

## VIII.

*My Life, if Thou preserv'st my Life,  
Thy Sacrifice shall be:  
And Death, if Death shall be my Doom,  
Shall join my Soul to Thee.*



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PART II.

From *Gibraltar* to *Georgia*!

*My Dear Friends,*

**T**HOUGH I know no Reason why you should be solicitous about any Thing that happens to such a dead Dog as I am, yet, as your Love, (*Oh unmerited Kindness!*) abounds exceedingly towards me, I am positive you will give Thanks unto our good God for all the Mercies he hath conferred upon me; therefore have sent you as full and particular Account of the Remainder of my Voyage, as the little Leisure I have had from my Ministerial Offices would permit me to give.

*Monday, February 20, 1737.* Spent the Morning on board, in writing Letters to my dear Friends in *England*, to acquaint them of my safe Arrival. Went in the Afternoon on Shore to *Gibraltar*, and was unspeakably delighted with the Prospect of the Place. My Friend *H.* and I dined at an Inn, and went afterwards with Capt. *W.* and some other Company, to view one Side of the Fort, which to us seemed impregnable; and at the Sight of it I could scarce avoid crying out, *Who is so great a God as our God?*

The seeing Persons of all Nations and Languages gave me great Pleasure: And the Difference of the Value of their Money and ours, gave me Occasion to reflect on the Stupidity of those who place their Happiness in that which has no intrinsic Worth in itself, but only so much as we arbitrarily put upon it.

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Went into a *Romish* Chapel, wherein were the Reliques of a vast deal of Pageantry, and several Images of the Virgin *Mary*, dressed up, not like a poor *Galilean*, but in her Silks and Damasks. *Oh* (thought I) *who hath bewitched this People, that they should thus depart from the Simplicity of CHRIST, and go a Whoring after their own Inventions?* Surely, Was the great *St. Paul* to rise from the Dead, and come and view the *Romish Church*, his Spirit would be stirred up within him, as it was at *Athens*, to see them thus wholly given to *Idolatry*.

*Tuesday, February 21.* After having read Prayers, and wrote some more Letters to my Friends in *England*, went again to *Gibraltar*, to pay my Respects to Governor *S.* being told by Capt. *M.* that he expected to see me. The worthy old Gentleman, like *Sergius Paulus*, received me with the utmost Candour, and gave me a general Invitation to come and dine with him every Day, during my Stay at *Gibraltar*. I thanked him for his Kindness; had about a Quarter of an Hour's Conversation with him, and took my Leave for that Time.

At One o' Clock, I returned to Dine with him, according to his Appointment; and was well pleased with the regular Behaviour of the Officers at Table. We had what an Epicurean would call *Cæna Dubia*. At Three I took my Leave, and walked about with Capt. *W.* and other Friends, to take a second View of the Fort; went on board about Five; read Prayers, and began expounding the Creed in the Cabin; wrote some more Letters, and went to Bed, very thankful to God for sending me abroad.

*Wednesday, February 22.* This Day I intended to stay on board, to write Letters, but God being pleased to shew me it was not his Will, I went again on Shore, and paid both the Ministers of *Gibraltar* a Visit, who received me very affectionately, and offered me the Use of the Pulpit. *Oh what a blessed Thing it is for the Clergy to dwell together in Unity!*

At Eleven, went to publick Prayers, and was much pleased to see many Officers and Soldiers attend the General to Church. *Methinks Religion looks doubly amiable in a Soldier.*

After Prayers, Dined again with the General, who gave me another particular Invitation, as I went out of the Church. He treated me with uncommon Civility, and desired me to preach the following Sunday.

Had

Had an Opportunity of sending a Packet of Letters with my Journal to my dear Friends in *England*. *May the good LORD give them his Blessing!*

Went in the Afternoon to visit a Deserter, who had sent me a Letter, desiring me to intercede for him with the Governour; he being apprehensive he should die for Desertion, I intended to answer his Request; but the Governor was so merciful that he ordered him to be whip'd only, which I thought Punishment little enough. *O Sin, what Mischief dost thou make in the World!*

In the Evening returned as usual on board, read Prayers and expounded in the great Cabin, buried a Child, made an Exhortation to the Soldiers proper for the Occasion, wrote to some Friends at *Deal*; and went to Bed with unusual Thoughts and Convictions that God would do some great Things at *Gibraltar*. *Oh that I was a pure Vessel fit for my Master's Use!*

*Thursday, Feb. 23.* Continued all this Day on board, did my usual Duty in the Ship, and put my dear Friend Br's Sermon into the Hands of two Officers at *Gibraltar*, who came to dine on board with Lieutenant *D.* They behaved very much like Gentlemen, and seemed pleased with serious Conversation. *May the GOD whom I serve, add the Christian to the Gentleman!*

*Friday, Feb. 24.* Blessed be *GOD*, who this Day hath shewn me that he hath heard my Prayer, and not taken his loving Kindness from me! Long before I reached *Gibraltar*, I prayed that God would open an effectual Door, at the Place whither we were going, and direct me where I should lodge; and lo this Day he has answered me. — About Ten in the Morning comes Capt. *M.* on board, telling me that one Major *S.* (a Person I never saw) had provided me a convenient Lodging at one Merchant *B's* and desired that I would come on Shore. — I looking upon this as a Call from Providence, received it with all Thankfulness and went with Friend *H.* on Shore, but not without first praying that God would direct us how to behave.

About the middle of the Town Major *S.* gave us the Meeting, conducted us to our new Lodgings (which were very commodious) and engaged us to dine with him and Capt. *M.* *When I sent you without Scrip or Shoe, lacked ye any thing? and they said, Nothing, LORD!*

About Eleven was introduced by Doctor *C.* to General *C.* who was desirous of seeing me. He received me exceeding kindly, and after a little serious Conversation, we went to



the Governour S's, from thence to publick Prayers; and I was highly pleased to see so many Officers attending on the Generals to Church. Doctor C. told me he had not known Governour S. absent himself from Prayers once these several Years, except when he was hindred by real Sicknes. *Oh that all others would let their Light so shine before Men!*

Retired in the Evening to our Lodgings, had Family Prayer, wrote some few religious Letters, and spent near half an hour in serious Conversation with the People of the House, gave Thanks for the Blessings of the Day, and was soon convinced that God had sent me that particular Lodging of a truth. *Be careful for nothing, but in every (even the minuteſt) thing, make your Wants known unto God. For he careth for you.*

Saturday, Feb. 25. About Six this Morning went with Friend H. to the Church to pray with some devout Soldiers; who I heard used to meet there at that Time, and with whom my Soul was knit immediately. *For all my Delight is in the Saints that are in the Earth, and in those that excel in Virtue.*

After we had finished our Devotion, I made an Enquiry into their State, and found that their Society had been subsisting about twelve Years, and that one Serjeant B. (a devout Soldier indeed) now amongst them was the first Beginner of it. At first they told me they used to meet in Dens and Mountains and Caves in the Rocks; but afterwards upon their applying for Leave to build a little Place to retire in, Doctor C. and Governour S. gave them the free Use of the Church, where they constantly meet three Times in a Day, to pray, read, and sing Psalms, and at any other Season when they please. — They have met with Contempt, and are now in Derision called the *New Lights*. And glorious Lights they are indeed. For I conversed closely with several of them, and they made me quite ashamed of my little Proficiency in the School of CHRIST. Many have joined with them for a time, but a servile Fear of Man, *that Bane of Christianity*, made them draw back. However, some continue stedfast and immoveable, and tho' despised by the World, are no doubt highly favoured of God. Governour S. countenances them much, and has spoke of them often to me with respect. *Blessed be GOD even the Father of our LORD JESUS CHRIST who hath not left himself without Witness in any Place, but hath some every where, who serve him and work Righteousness.*

The Sunday before we came hither, I was telling my Friend H. that I had Reason to think by what had happened

to me that God had some Work for me to do at *Gibraltar*; he answered that there could not much Good be expected from among Soldiers. I replied — No doubt God has some secret ones in all Places, who tremble at his Word. And lo! he hath this Day brought me to them. *By this I know thou favourest me, O LORD thou King of Saints.*

There is also another Society of the *Scotch Church*, who in Contempt are called *Dark Lanthorns*. It has subsisted about a Year, and is made up of many serious Christians as I was informed. I did not think it agreeable to visit them, but I sent them, as well as the other Society, some proper Books; had religious Talk with several of them, and endeavoured to unite both Societies together. *Oh when will that Time come, when all Differences about Externals shall be taken away, and we all with one Heart, and one Mouth glorify our Lord JESUS CHRIST!*

About Eight returned to my Lodgings, and after having wrote some Letters, went on board the *Amy* to marry a Couple who sent to me yesterday to come and *celebrate their Nuptials*. I took that opportunity of exhorting them all to *take heed to the things that belong to their Peace*. Some I believe were affected, but the Generality of them behaved so careless, that I could not but see a Difference between those that have a Minister and those that have not.

About Twelve went on board my own Ship, dined, did some necessary Business, read Prayers, gave my Flock a warm Exhortation, and returned about Five on Shore, where I spent near two Hours with the devout Soldiers in the Church. Many of them conversed most spiritually, and seemed well acquainted with the Pangs of the New Birth. *May GOD perfect the good Work begun in their Hearts! O how amiable are thy Servants, O LORD of Hosts!* How would the World admire them did they see their Beauties! But Satan does now as formerly dress them in Bears Skins in order to have them baited.

*Sunday, Feb. 26.* Between Five and Six in the Morning went with Mr. H. (which I did all the while I was at *Gibraltar*) and sung Psalms, prayed and expounded the Lessons to the devout Soldiers in the Church, and was much enlarged. *Thanks be given unto Thee O LORD!*

Intended to go and preach to my People; was prevented by the Violence of the Wind; but was pleased to hear from some *Gibraltar* Officers, who dined that Day on board the *Whitaker*, that some of my Flock had the Courage to read Prayers and sing Psalms themselves, and (as I found afterwards)

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continued so to do, during my Absence from them. *Blessed be GOD! I hope I shall have some that dare be singularly Good, and will not be kept out by the Presb.*

Preached in the Morning at *Gibraltar*, before such a Congregation of Officers and Soldiers as I never before saw: The Church, though very large, was quite thronged: and GOD was pleased to shew me, that He had given extraordinary Success to my Sermon. *O how is the Divine Strength magnified in my Weakness! O grant I may like a pure Crystal transmit all the Light thou pourest upon me; and never claim as my own what is thy sole Propriety!*

Dined with Friend *H.* at Governour *S's*, who sent most kindly to invite us. The Law at his Table was the same with that of *Ahasuerus*, "No one was compelled:" And all the Officers behaved in such a decent innocent Manner every Time I dined there, that they pleased me very much. *Surely some Fear of GOD is in that Place!*

After Evening Prayers (for there is no Sermon in the Afternoon) I went and expounded, prayed and sung Psalms with the Society, and had near thirty Hearers. *May the Good LORD give it his Blessing!*

At Night had some devout Conversation with my Host and Hostess, who seemed to love me as their own Son; prayed for absent Friends, and went to Bed ashamed I had done so little for GOD on a Sabbath-day. But when we cannot do as we *would*, we must do as we *can*.

*Monday, Feb. 27.* Went to the Church, and did as yesterday: and was visited afterwards by two of the Nonconforming Society, who seemed to be *Israelites indeed*: I exhorted them to Love and Unity, and not to let a little Difference about a few Externals occasion any Narrow-spiritedness to arise in their Hearts. I advised them to come and hear me expound in the Church, which they did; and providentially the Lesson was the 4<sup>th</sup> of the *Ephesians*, from whence I took occasion to urge on them the Necessity of loving one another with a Catholick disinterested Love; to be of one Heart and one Mind, and to join without Respect of Persons in hastening the Kingdom of our Lord JESUS CHRIST. I hope GOD gave a Blessing to what was said: For I observed they came constantly afterwards, and was told there was a perfect Harmony between them. *What infinite Mischief have needless Divisions occasioned in the Christian World! Divide & Impera, is the Devil's Motto.*

Dined and supped at General *C's* with Mr. *H.* and was received most courteously; *The LORD reward him in that Day!*



*Day!* The Officers seemed studious to oblige me, and to be solicitous for my Stay at *Gibraltar*: But my Face was set to go towards *Georgia*. *The LORD direct my Going in his Way!*

*Tuesday, Feb. 28.* Expounded in the Church as usual; went on board, read Prayers and expounded to my own Flock; dined with Friend *H.* at Governour *S.*'s, who sent to invite us; and expounded to a large Number of Soldiers in the Evening at Church.

Was asked by Dr. *C.* in the Name of the Governour Colonel *C.* to preach every Prayer Day whilst I stay'd at *Gibraltar*, which I promised to do, and perceived the Word of God to run very swiftly. Many of the Inhabitants pressed me to stay with them, and were exceeding kind to those who were with me, for my sake. *Blessed be GOD, for thus giving me Favour in his People's Sight! LORD, what am I, or what is in me, that Thou shouldest thus so highly honour me? Grant, O LORD, the more thou exaltest me the more I may abase myself, and always be looking to the Rock from whence I was hewn!*

Conversed with one of the devout Soldiers, who was under strong spiritual Trials; and God was pleased to give him Comfort. I find it necessary more and more every Day, that Ministers should be tempted in all Things like unto their Brethren, that they may be able experimentally to succour those that are tempted.

*Wednesday, March 1.* Expounded in the Morning, and was highly pleased at my Entrance into the Church, to see several Soldiers kneeling in several Parts of the House of God at their private Devotions. *O happy Gibraltar, that hast such a Set of praying Men!* Some I hear often come in by Two o' Clock in the Morning, to pour out their Hearts before God. *The LORD perform all their Petitions!*

Preached, according to my Promise, to a numerous and affected Audience of Officers, Soldiers, &c. Dined (at his Invitation) at Governor *Sabin's*, and expounded at Night to near 200 People, amongst whom were many of the Officers, and of the Honourable Women not a few. *Oh that they may with Meekness receive the engrafted Word, and that it may be a Means of saving their Souls!*

*Thursday, March 2.* Spent part of the Day in writing Letters. Dined and sup'd at Mr. *Argat's*, chief Civil Magistrate in *Gibraltar*, and was entertained with uncommon Love and Affection.

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Expounded twice in the Church, as usual, and at Night had above 300 Hearers; amongst whom were many Officers, Ladies, and Dr. C. the Minister of the Church himself, who would have had me went up into the Reading Desk, that I might have the greater Command of the People; but I declined it that Night. *God be praised for sending me abroad, and prospering the Work of his Hands upon me!*

*When all thy Mercies, O my God!  
My rising Soul surveys;  
Transported with thy Love, I'm lost  
In Wonder, Joy, and Praise.*

Friday, March 3. Still God lets me see greater Things than before. *Oh that my Thanks may encrease proportionably!*

This Morning, besides a great Number of the Soldiers, near, if not more, than a Dozen of the Town's People came to Church to hear me expound. Afterwards, we Breakfasted with a Gentlewoman, who sent by Major S. to invite us, and most gladly received us into her House. About Ten I preached my Sermon against *Swearing*, and made a Farewell Application to the Soldiers that were going over to Georgia out of that Garrison. The Governor had that Morning reviewed them; and as I could not be in the same Ship with them, I desired they might be ordered to come to Church, that I might have an Opportunity of telling them how to behave in that Land which they were going over the Sea to protect. The Colonel and Governor most readily consented; there was a most thronged Audience, and God was pleased to set his Seal to my Sermon. Many Officers and Soldiers wept forely, and a visible Alteration was observed in the Garrison for some Days after. *Oh that their Convictions may end in their Conversion, and that they may bring forth the Fruits of the Spirit!*

Bought some Wine out of the Money which I had collected for the Use of the sick Poor in Georgia. *The Parsonage House ought to be the Poor's Storehouse.*

Had above 500 to hear me expound this Evening, and went up into the Desk, by the Advice of Dr. C. who now constantly makes one of my Hearers. After this, we sup'd at Mr. B's of the Victualing-Office, and returned home with Joy and great Gladness of Heart. *Who can express the loving Kindness of the Lord, or shew forth all his Praise?*

Saturday, March 4. Expounded in the Morning. More Hearers than ever, some of which wept. Dined and sup'd with

with General C. who sent last Night to invite me and my Friend, and treated us with particular Respect.

Went in the Afternoon to the *Jewish* Synagogue, and was surprised to see one of the Head of them come from the farthest End, and put me in one of their chiefest Seats: But afterwards he told me he had heard my Sermon Yesterday against Swearing, and thank'd me for it. *Not unto me, not unto me, O Lord, but unto thy Name be all the Thanks and Glory!* I continued with them their whole Service, and spent most of my Time there in secret Prayer to God, *That the Veil might be taken from their Hearts, and that blessed Time might come when his chosen People should again be engrafted into their own Olive-Tree, and all Israel be saved.*

Visited an unhappy Man in Prison, who last Night, in a drunken Fit, murdered a Fellow Soldier. I providentially met him just as he was apprehended, and laid before him the Terrors of the Lord. At first he seemed unconcerned; but in a short Time he was pricked to the Heart, desired me to come and see him, and to Day trembled, and wept bitterly. *Oh Drunkenness, what Mischief hast thou done! Thy Name is Legion; for behold a Troop of Sins come along with thee.*

In the Evening I had near, if not more, than a Thousand Hearers; and I took Occasion, from the poor Man's Example before mentioned, to warn the Soldiery not to be drunk with Wine, wherein is Excess; a Sin that most easily besets the Men of Gibraltar. *May they hear and fear, and sin no more presumptuously.* I had a great Hoarseness upon me; but notwithstanding, God enabled me to speak with Power. *When we are weak, then are we strong. What Mercies has GOD shewn me this last Week! Ob that my Friends, when they hear of it, may praise him! for surely GOD has hearkened to their Prayer.*

Sunday, March 5. After Morning Exposition in the Church, went and saw the *Roman Catholics* at their High Mass; and shall only make this Remark: That there needs no other Argument against *Popery*, than to see the Pageantry, Superstition, and Idolatry of their Worship.

About Ten, went to the Church belonging to the Garrison; preached to a most thronged Audience, and received (what my Soul longed after) the Sacrament of CHRIST's most blessed Body and Blood: Both the Generals were there, and near Fifty more Communicants. The Weekly Collection for the Poor was larger than ever was known. And \*\*\*\* was so affected, that he wished himself a despised Methodist. *We are not fit for GOD to work by, till we are despised by Men,*



*that the Excellency and Power of Preaching may be seen to be of GOD only.*

Dined at Governor S's, and, at the Request of the Inhabitants and Gentlemen of the Garrison, preached in the Afternoon. Expounded, in the Evening, to above a Thousand Hearers, of all Denominations; supp'd with General C.; went Home betimes, full of unspeakable Comfort: I am never better than when I am on the full Stretch for GOD. *GOD grant I may not, like Jehu, drive furiously at first, and afterwards fall back; but, forgetting those Things which are behind, may I reach out to those Things that are before, and press forwards towards the Mark, for the Prize of my high Calling in CHRIST JESUS.* Methinks I hear my dear Friends say silently, *Amen.* And may the great GOD say so too!

Monday, Mar. 6. Had near, if not more than a Hundred at Morning Exposition; and it being the last Day of my sojourning at Gibraltar, many came to me weeping, telling me what GOD had done for their Souls, desiring my Prayers, and promising me theirs in Return. Others both gave and sent me Tokens of their Love, as Cake, Figs, Wine, Eggs, and other Necessaries for my Voyage, and seemed to want Words to express their Affection. *The good LORD note their Kindnesses in his Book, and reward them a Thousand fold!*

About Twelve, went to the Church, according to Appointment, and made a farewell Exhortation, as GOD gave me Utterance, to a great Number of weeping Soldiers, Women, &c. after which we kneeled down, and having recommended each other to the Care of GOD, I left them, went and took my Leave of the two Generals; visited the confined Prisoner; dined at a Gentlewoman's House of the Town; left near fifty Letters to be sent to England; and about Four went on board, accompanied to the Sea-side with near two Hundred Soldiers, Women, Officers, &c. who all sorrowed at my Departure, and wished me good Luck in the Name of the LORD. Surely I may now expect greater Success abroad, having such an Addition of Intercessors in my Behalf. *O LORD put their Tears into thy Bottle, and let their Cry come unto thee.*

*Sampson's Riddle has been fulfilled at Gibraltar: Out of the Eater came forth Meat; out of the Strong came forth Sweetness.* Who more unlikely to be wrought upon than Soldiers? And yet, amongst any Set of People I have not been, where GOD has made his Power more to be known. Many that were quite stark blind, have received their Sight; many that  
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have fallen back, have repented, and turned unto the LORD again; many that were ashamed to own CHRIST openly, have waxen bold; and many that were Saints have had their Hearts filled with Joy unspeakable, and full of Glory. *This is the Lord's Doing, and it is marvellous in our Eyes: May he give a Blessing to the Books dispersed amongst them, and perfect the good Work begun in their Hearts, till the Day of our Lord JESUS! May they be my Joy and Crown of rejoicing at the last Day; and may GOD's Mercies to me in every Place make me more humble, more zealous, more thankful, and more steady to do or suffer whatever my dear Redeemer hath allotted for me. Into his Hands I commend my Spirit, as into the Hands of an all powerful Preserver.*

About Five came on board, and was gladly received by my Flock, whom I hope to love better for being a little absent from them. Interceded and gave Thanks, as usual, at Night on Deck; and was pleased that I was again retired from the World. It rained much, but that made us the more fervent. *Water us, O LORD, we beseech thee, with the Dew of thy Heavenly Benediction.*

*Tuesday, Mar. 7.* Went and conversed with, and dispersed some Books amongst the Soldiers that we took from Gibraltar. Three of them belonged to one of the Societies, and desired, with some others, to come with me in our Ship. *GOD sanctify my Ministry unto them.* Most of the rest are of the Scots Church, but seem very willing to conform. *What a Pity is it, CHRIST's seamless Coat should be rent in Pieces on Account of Things in themselves purely indifferent!*

At Dinner we were likely to be struck against by the Man of War; but GOD had Mercy on us, commanded the Wind to shift about, and delivered us out of so great a Danger. *Oh that we may shew forth our Thankfulness, not only with our Lips, but in our Lives! How ought Creatures to live, who are every Moment liable to be hurried away by Death to Judgment!*

This Day we set sail from Gibraltar. At first the Wind was fair, but afterwards blew contrary, which made both me and many others sick. I should have wondered if GOD had not sent me a Thorn in the Flesh, after such abundant Success. *May I learn to suffer, as well as do thy Will, O GOD!*

*Wednesday, Mar. 8.* Had a useful Conference with one who was an Instrument, under GOD, of introducing me at Gibraltar, and who, I trust, will make a devout Centurion. *Grant this, Holy Father, for thy dear Son's sake.*

Finished my Exposition on the Creed in the great Cabin, and did my other Duty in the Ship, as usual. The Wind

blew hard, and GOD sent abroad his Lightning great part of the Day. J. D. Friend H. and myself also, were sick, but not so as to prevent our Intercession for absent Friends. *Whatever befalls me, O GOD, may I never forget their Works and Labour of Love.* As yet, blessed be GOD, they are always on my Mind, and I bear them on my Heart whensoever I go in and out from before the LORD. And nothing does and will support me more under all Crosses, than the Hopes of seeing them grown in Grace when I return to England. *O GOD prepare me for so great a Blessing!*

Gave myself, as much as my Indisposition of Body would give me Leave, to the Word of GOD and Prayer; and was much affected with what is said of *Hezekiah, 2 Chron. xxxii. 25.* that because he rendered not again, was not thankful enough for the great Things GOD had done for him, he was permitted to fall through the Pride of his Heart. *Alas! what Danger am I in of sharing the same Fate! Oh my Friends, cry mightily unto GOD, that no such Evil come upon me.*

Thursday, March 9. Married a Couple on Deck. I endeavoured to give them a suitable Exhortation after the Solemnity was over, and hope this Couple did call CHRIST to their Marriage. *It is through a Neglect of this, that we have so few happy Matches.*

The contrary Wind still continuing, my Sea-sickness encreased; so that I was obliged to omit reading Prayers to the Soldiers, and go to Bed sooner than usual. I find this Sickness will purge my Body, and hope, through Grace, it will purify my Soul. *Every Branch that beareth Fruit, says CHRIST, my Father purgeth it, that it may bring forth more Fruit. May that Scripture this Day be fulfilled in my Heart!*

Friday, March 10. My Bodily Indisposition still encreased; there was a great Storm without, but, blessed be GOD, a Calm within. Sometimes, indeed, my Will would inwardly rebel, which plainly shewed me what a Distance I was from GOD: But I hope, through inward and outward Sufferings, I shall at length, be able to say in all Things, *Father, not my Will, but thine be done.*

Did my usual Duty in the great Cabin, and began expounding the Ten Commandments; interceded for Friends on Deck, and went to Bed full of a Sense of my own Unworthiness. Oh that I could always see myself in my proper Colours! I believe I should have little Reason to fall down and worship myself. *God be merciful to me a Sinner.*

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Saturday, Mar. 11. Blessed be God, this Morning the Storm began to blow over, and Light broke in upon my Soul. Was enabled to read Prayers and expound both in the Cabin and to the Soldiers, with more Vigour than I have since we left Gibraltar. Had Reason to think my late Indisposition had been sanctified to me. *Suffering Times are a Christian's best improving Times*: for they break the Will, wean us from the Creature, prove the Heart; and by them God teaches his Children, as Gideon by Thorns and Briars taught the Men of Succoth.

All the Time of my Indisposition, my dear Friend H. mourned over me like a Dove. Blessed be God! Familiarity does not breed Contempt between us, but our Love to each other increases daily: *JESUS CHRIST is the only Rock whereon alone true Friendship can be built.*

Sunday, March 12. Expounded with more Enlargement than usual, and gave my People Notice that I intended speaking to them one by one, to see what Account they could give of their Faith. *I have not ceased warning every one of You*, says the Apostle. *May I follow his Steps!*

Preached the Sermon God enabled me to make in the Storm before we came to Gibraltar, in the great Cabin; and God was pleased to set his Seal to it. Had some close Conversation with my Companions about their Interior; interceded for absent Friends, and had Reason to hope my weak Efforts to promote his Glory had not been in vain in the LORD. *May GOD give me a thankful Heart!*

Monday, March 13. Blessed be God! this is the most comfortable Day I have had since I came last aboard; slept better than usual; was enabled to compose freely; [perceived my Appetite to return,] was enlarged much in Intercession, and found I had Reason to give Thanks for my late Indisposition. *O how gently does my gracious Master deal with me! Though Sorrow may endure for a Night, yet Joy cometh in the Morning.* LORD, grant I may spend that Health thou hast now restored to me to thy Honour and Service! It is good for me that I have been a little chastised; for who knows but I might otherwise have perished by being lifted up above measure with my last Success? LORD, give me Humility, though it be through Sufferings! so shall thy Blessings never prove my Ruin.

Tuesday, March 14. Began to put in Execution what I promised on Sunday,—enquired into the Faith of those committed to my Charge; and though all of them were not so great Proficients as I could wish, yet I find they know enough to save them, if they put what they know in practice;

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so that they cannot charge God, if they miscarry. *Oh! that the LORD may give them his Blessing!*

Had much of the Presence of God with me, and felt such a fervent Love for my Christian Friends, that I feared how I should behave, was God to call any of them from me. But I trust sufficient for such an Hour will be the Strength thereof.

*Wednesday, March 15.* Was much pleased with my present Situation, and had Reason to bless God for some farther visible good Effects of my Ministry. Was highly delighted in seeing Friend *H.* active in teaching the Lambs of my Flock: He has now gotten a regular School, and the Children began to-day to come at regular set Hours: Several also of the Soldiers learn to write and read; so that my Friend is like to make an useful Man. *GOD make him more and more so every Day!*

*Thursday, March 16.* Preached this Afternoon my Sermon against Swearing, at which several of the Soldiers wept. Blessed be God! that Sin is much abated amongst us; and I think a visible Alteration may be perceived through the whole Ship. *Not unto me, not unto me, O LORD, but unto thy Name be the Glory!*

Was much strengthened in my present Undertaking, by reading the Story of *Ezra*, and joined in Intercession with those who set apart this Day as a Day of Fasting and Prayer for the Sins of the Nation to which we belong. *May they prove as effectual as those which Moses put up for the Children of Israel!*

The sick increased to-day; visited near a Dozen. *May I by thus frequent visiting sick Beds, learn to improve my Time of Health: for, alas, What can be done in Time of Sickness?* I find but few that are able with any tolerable Patience to sustain their bodily Infirmities: *But to have a wounded Spirit at the same Time, Good GOD, who can bear it?*

*Friday, March 17.* Last Night God sent us a fair Wind, and we began to sail most pleasantly: I was comforted on every Side, and enabled to intercede fervently for all Mankind. *Oh that the Love of GOD and Man was shed abroad in my Heart!*

*Saturday, March 18.* The Weather being exceeding fair, and the Sea calm, I went with Capt. *W.* on board the *Light-foot*, dined with the Gentlemen belonging to the Ship and Colonel *C.* who came on board to pay them a Visit: married a Couple; dispersed Bibles, Testaments, Soldiers Monitors amongst the Men; exchanged some Books for some Cards,  
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which I threw over board ; preached a Sermon against Drunkenness, which God enabled me to finish yesterday : and returned in the Evening, highly delighted with seeing the Porpoises roll about the great Deep. *O LORD, the Sea is full of thy Riches ! marvellous are thy Works, and that my Soul knoweth right well. O that I may live to praise thee for them ! What Mercies have I received this Week ! they are more in Number than the Hairs of my Head. Oh that my Friends would give Thanks for me !*

Sunday, March 19. Went with Captain *W.* on board the *Amy* ; read Prayers and preached to above two hundred and twenty Hearers ; and married a Couple, who did not behave so well as I could wish : The Bridegroom laughed several Times in the midst of the Solemnity, upon which I shut up my Prayer-book : but he shewing his Concern by weeping, I then proceeded, gave him and the Bride a Bible, as the best Present I could make them ; and exhorted all to Holiness of Life. *GOD give them a hearing Ear, and an obedient Heart !*

Dined with Colonel *C.* who treated me with the utmost Civility, and took care to dispose of some Books I brought with me to proper Persons.

About Three we returned to the *Whitaker*, read Prayers and preached my Sermon against Drunkenness ; after which Capt. *M.* made a useful Speech to the Men, and exhorted them to give heed to the Things that had been spoken. Religion is likely to go on well, when both the Civil and Ecclesiastical Powers are engaged in keeping up the Purity of it. *But, LORD, unless thou assist us, all our Endeavours are but in vain. Vouchsafe then, we beseech thee, to give us thy Blessing !*

Had above an Hour's close Conversation with my Companions concerning their Interior ; and walked with Friend *H.* on Deck 'till Twelve at Night, admiring God's Wonders in the Deep. *Blessed be GOD for sending us abroad.*

Monday, March 20. To-day Colonel *C.* came to dine with us, and in midst of our Meal we were entertained with a most agreeable Sight ; it was a Shark about the Length of a Man, which followed our Ship, attended with five little Fishes called the Pilot Fish, much like a Mackarel, but larger. These I am told always keep the Shark company ; and what is most surprising, though the Shark is so ravenous a Creature, yet let it be ever so hungry, it never touches one of them. Nor are they less faithful to him : For if at any Time the Shark is hooked, these little Creatures will not forsake



forsake him, but cleave close to his Fins, and are often taken up with him. *Go to the Pilot Fish, thou that forsakest a Friend in Adversity, consider his Ways and be abashed.* This simple Sight one would think sufficient to confute any Atheist (if there be such a Fool as a speculative Atheist) in the World.

After Dinner I read Prayers and expounded to my own People; and then went aboard the *Amy* with Colonel C. who used me with uncommon Civility, married a Couple; and came back to the *Whitaker*, rejoicing to see the Works of the LORD, and the Beauty of the great Deep. *Who would but come abroad?*

Had near two Hours close Conversation with a Gentleman, in whom appear many Marks of the New Birth. Surely he will prove a devout Centurion! *How shall I be constrained 'till it be accomplished!*

Tuesday, March 21. Had fresh Reason to be thankful: Captain M. made me a kind Present; the Weather exceedingly pleasant; and what was the greatest Blessing of all, God's Holy Spirit seemed to be moving on the Faces of some of the Souls in the Ship.

The Weather growing warmer, Friend H. had some Cloths hung over to cover his School: His Children come very regular both to learn and say their Prayers at Night: Capt. W. takes great Delight in them: Capt. M. much encourages the Soldiers to learn to read and write: so that we begin to live as regular now as we could wish to do on Shore. *Blessed be GOD for thus making his Power to be known!*

Though God gives me so much Comfort, yet my dear England Friends are seldom out of my Mind; though absent in Body, I am present with them in Spirit. *The LORD direct my Way unto them, and grant if ever I return it may be in the Fullness of the Blessing of the Gospel of Peace!*

Wednesday, March 22. Saw a large Grampus rolling and spouting out Water for a long while, at a short Distance from our Ship: It put me in mind of the Behemoth spoken of by Holy Job, and of the Leviathan mentioned by the Royal Psalmist. *O GOD, Who is like unto Thee?*

Thursday, March 23. This Morning we began to have Prayers at Six o' Clock, and the Drum beat to call the People. Methinks we grow more and more regular every Day. *GOD be praised!*

Was very fervent in Intercession for absent Friends and all Mankind. *Oh, Intercession is a most delightful Exercise! How does it sweeten and purify the Heart!*

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Visited near twelve or fourteen sick Persons ; and yet such is God's Mercy to me, that though the Place where they lye is much confined, and they catch the Fever of one another, yet God keeps me from Infection. *The Way of Duty is the Way of Safety.* Now God has sent his Visitations abroad amongst us, I hope we shall learn Righteousness.

Friday, March 24. To-day the Sick still increased, and Friend H. was very ready to assist and carry Things to them. *Nothing more useful than visiting sick Beds. How are those to be pitied, who purposely shun such improving Sights !*

Had still fresh Reason to bless God for the Success of my Ministry : *Not unto me, not unto me, but unto thy Name, O LORD, be all the Glory !*

We begin now to live so happy on Shipboard, that I believe we shall part with each other with Regret. *By this may all Men know we are CHRIST's Disciples, that we love one another.*

Sailed an hundred and fifty four Miles the last twenty four Hours : and was much delighted in seeing many Porpoises playing about the Ship, one of which Captain W. caught, and Part of its Liver we had dressed for Dinner : It had a Head much like a Pig, and was about six Foot long. *The Works of the LORD are exceeding great, and to be admired of all them that have a Delight therein.*

Churched a Woman who lately was delivered of a dead Child, and afterwards gave her an Exhortation applicable to her Circumstances. *GOD grant she may apply it to her Heart !*

Sunday, March 26. This Day God I trust magnified his Power in the Conversion of a young Gentleman on board, whom He has been pleased to visit with a Fever. His Convictions were strong, and as far as I could find, a thorough Renovation begun in his Heart : *The Good LORD perfect it 'till the Day of his Dissolution.* Now God begins to shew me wherefore he hath sent me : *O that I was humble ! that I might be fit for the High and Lofty One, who inhabiteth Eternity, to work by.*

Preached a Sermon in the Afternoon, on Luke iii. 14. — *And the Soldiers likewise came unto him, and demanded, saying, And what must we do ? And he said unto them, Do Violence to no Man, neither accuse any falsely, and be content with your Wages.* I made it at the Request of Capt. M. who seems in earnest about the great Work of his Salvation : He has read *Arndt's True Christianity*, and is now reading *Law's Christian Perfection* ; Books worth their Weight in Gold, and which

GOD has blessed to the Conversion of many. *But what are Books without thy Spirit, O LORD? Do thou bless them unto him, and they shall be blessed.*

Exchanged some bad Books that were on board (which I threw immediately into the Sea) for some good ones, blessed be GOD; all that I have found them with, as yet, have been ready to surrender them up. And I find it by daily Experience more and more that People who are truly awakened to a Sense of the Divine Life, cannot bear to read any thing trifling; but throw away their useless Books, as those did the Books of Divination and curious Arts, whose Conversion we read in the *Acts*, Chap. v.

*Monday, March 27.* Last Night GOD was pleased to take away a black Boy of Captain *W's* after he had been ill of a violent Fever for some Days. — He was never baptised, but I had a Commission from his Master, who seemed much affected at his Death, to instruct, and baptise him, if it had pleased the Most High that he should recover; but GOD saw fit to order it otherwise. *His holy Will be done.* About Ten in the Morning he was wrapt up in a Hammock and thrown into the Sea. I could not read the Office over him being unbaptised, but Capt. *M.* ordered the Drum to beat, and I exhorted all the Soldiers, Sailors, &c. as GOD gave me Utterance, to *Remember their Creator in the Days of their Youth*, and to prepare for that Time, *when the Sea should give up its Dead, and all Nations be called together to appear before the Son of GOD.* *Oh that they may be made wise by it, that they may lay to Heart what has been said, and practically consider their latter End!*

Had our Blessed Lord been here, I believe he would have wept to see what Havock Sin hath made amongst us. *Do thou LORD teach us so to number our Days, that we may apply our Hearts unto Wisdom.*

*Tuesday, March 28.* This Day Capt. *M.* began to come at Six in the Morning and join in Prayers on Deck, instead of having Prayers in the great Cabin. Surely our Soldiers will be without Excuse since their Captain leads so good an Example; blessed be GOD, I have no reason to complain of them, for they come very regularly twice a Day to Prayer, and an Oath seems to be a strange Thing amongst most of them. Many Marks of a sound Conversion appear in several abroad, and we live in perfect Harmony, and Peace, loving and beloved by one another. *Surely, my Friends, your Prayers are heard. Continue instant in them, and you shall*

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*See greater Things than these : For GOD delights in the Prosperity of his Servants.*

*Wednesday March 29.* Sailed near 160 Miles every twenty four Hours, for several Days, most delightful pleasant Weather, and had much of God's Presence amongst us.

*Heaven is, Dear LORD, where'er thou art,  
Oh never then from us depart;  
For to my Soul 'tis Hell to be,  
But for one Moment void of thee.*

*Thursday, March 30.* Had still more Proofs of a thorough Conversion being wrought in some in the Ship. I hope many of us shall have Reason to bless God for coming on board the *Whitaker*. GOD grant, while I preach to others, I myself may not be a Castaway. But God is Love, and he will not, if my Eye be single, let his Blessings destroy me. O let thy Pow'r be exerted in preserving me, even me always, O my Saviour.

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*Renew thy Likeness, LORD, in me,  
Lowly and gentle may I be,  
No Charms but these to Thee are Dear;  
No Anger mayst thou ever find,  
No Pride in my unruffled Mind,]  
But Faith and Heaven-born Peace be there.*

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*A patient, a victorious Mind,  
A Life that all Things cast behind,  
Springs forth obedient to thy Call;  
A Heart that no Desire can move;  
But still t'adore, and praise, and love,  
Give me, my Lord, my Life, my All.*

*Friday, March 31.* This being the Crucifixion of our blessed Lord, I preached a Sermon on the *Penitent Thief*, and I hope God gave it his Blessing. We begun Prayers later than usual, so that before I had done, Darkness came upon us, which put me in Mind of that Darkness which overwhelm'd the World, when the God of Nature suffered. Oh that our Hearts may rend like the Rocks, and our Souls arise from the Death of Sin, as the Bodies of those did from their Graves who appeared to many in the Holy City, after our Lord's Resurrection.

Had a good Instance of the Benefit of breaking Children's Wills betimes. Last Night going between Decks (as I do

every Night) to visit the Sick and to examine my People, I asked one of the Women to bid her little Boy that stood by her, say his Prayers, she answered his elder Sister would, but she could not make him. Upon this, I bid the Child kneel down before me, but he would not till I took hold of its two Feet and forced it down. I then bid it say the Lord's Prayer, (being informed by his Mother he could say it if he would) but he obstinately refused, till at last after I had given it several Blows, it said its Prayer as well as could be expected, and I gave it some Figs for a Reward. And this same Child, tho' not above four Years of Age came to Night on Deck, when the other Children came to say their Prayers to my Friend *H.* and burst out into a Flood of Tears, and would not go away till he had said his too. I mention this as a Proof of the Necessity of early Correction. Children are sensible of it sooner than Parents imagine. And if they would but have Resolution to break their Wills thoroughly when young, the Work of Conversion would be much easier, and they would not be so troubled with perverse Children when they are old.

*Saturday, April 1.* Wonderful pleasant sailing still, and what was infinitely better, had reason to think several went forward in the great Work of their Salvation. *Oh that we may be buried with CHRIST in Baptism, and rise with him to Newness of Life.*

*Sunday, April 2.* Rose early this Morning, and joined in Spirit with my dear absent Friends, who were receiving the Holy Eucharist, and celebrating our Blessed Lord's Resurrection. I find my not being in Priest's Orders is a great Hinderance to my Ministry, which will oblige me to return to *England* as soon as possible. *The Good LORD prepare me for that second Imposition of Hands.*

Preached a Sermon in the Afternoon on *Phil. ii. 10.* *That I may know him and the Power of his Resurrection, Oh that we may all experience it in our Hearts! For without it, CHRIST as to us is dead in vain.*

*Monday, April 3.* Had some further Conversation with the young Gentleman whose Conversion I mentioned before, and who I hope is really quickened from above. He told me he used to wonder to hear me talk that all our Thoughts, Words, and Actions ought to be dedicated unto God, but now he perceived what I said to be true. *How does the new Nature give us new Notions!* It seems a difficult Task to the natural Man to turn his whole Life into one continued Sacrifice, but the spiritual Man does it with Ease. He feels a  
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divine Attraction in his Soul, which as sensibly draws his Heart towards God, as the Load-Stone attracts the Needle. *Draw us then, O GOD, and our Affections will ascend up after Thee.*

About Eleven went on board the *Lightfoot*, prayed with a sick Man, preached my Sermon on the *Penitent Thief*. Afterwards went on board the *Amy*, catechised the Children, dined on a Dolphin, had some useful Conversation, preached to the Soldiers, returned home about Six, read Prayers, visited the Sick, interceded for Friends, and went to Bed praising and blessing God.

*April 7.* Great Enlargement of Heart has been given me for these four Days last past, particularly to-day, in which God hath vouchsafed me much of his Presence, and assisting Grace, observed still stronger Signs of a thorough Conversion being wrought in some on board, had most delightful sailing, and every thing as pleasant as this vain World can afford. These are Preparatives for future Trials. Welcome in the Name of God. He will uphold me. If it was not for the Corruptions of my own Heart, which are continually stirring, what have I to disturb my Peace? But as long as those *Amalekites* remain in my Soul, I shall never be perfectly at Ease. *LORD keep me but striving, and I shall at last be more than Conqueror through JESUS CHRIST that loved me.*

*April 8.* Went on board the *Lightfoot* and *Amy*, and preached to the Soldiers of each Ship, dined with Colonel C. who continues extreamly civil, and at my Return found the Sick encrease upon my Hands. But few in the Ship escape. *The Good LORD make all their Beds in their Sickness.*

Had much of the Presence of God with me to-day. The Heat uncommonly temperate as it has been for some time, and the Ship sailed all Day, as tho' she was carried on the Wings of the Wind. Preached two Sermons besides my Exposition at Six in the Morning, and I hope God set his Seal to them. Was well pleased to hear by my Friend H. (who is very active in carrying things to the Sick) that the poor People between Decks prayed heartily for me.

And now indeed we live more comfortably in the great Cabin than can easily be imagined. We talk of little else but God and CHRIST. God has greatly blessed the Country Parson's Advice to his Parishioners, that excellent Book, and scarce a Word is to be heard amongst us when together but what has Reference to our Fall in the first, and our New Birth in the second *Adam*, the Lord from Heaven; so that

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we all, I trust, are resolved to put my Afternoon's Text into Practice, and are determined not to know any thing save *JESUS CHRIST* and him crucified. Grant this, O Father, for thy dear Son's Sake. Oh that I knew how to be thankful! Oh that Heaven and Earth would join with me in praising God! For

*I would not LORD, alone,  
Thy Praises celebrate,  
I'd call the blessed Angels down,  
I'd move the World's united State,  
Till they in fervent Songs, thy gracious Acts relate.*

April 10, 11. Spent good Part of these two Days in mending my Nets. Had exceeding pleasant Weather. Some more of the Sailors were convicted of Sin, and others send Notes to, be prayed for, and give Thanks as regularly as in any Parish. Blessed be God, we live very comfortably.

April 12, or 13. To-day Captain *W.* caught a Dolphin which was most beautiful when drawn out of the Water, but its Colour soon changed. *Just so is Man; he flourishes for a little while, but when once Death cometh how quickly is his Beauty gone!* A Christian may learn a Lesson of Instruction from every thing he meets with.

April 14. To-day, I could have wished for some young Prodigals aboard the *Whitaker*, to see one of our Soldiers dying. Alas how did his Breast heave, his Heart pant, and great Drops of Sweat trickle down his Face! his Eyes looked ghastly, and the whole Man was in a bitter Agony. Captain *W.* went down between Decks with me once or twice to see him. And I used the last Prayer several times. About Nine at Night he expired I fear without Hope, for he killed himself by drinking. *Oh that all Drunkards would learn from him to be wise in time, and practically consider their latter End!*

April 15. This Morning I buried the dead Soldier in time of public Prayers, chose proper Lessons, and gave the Soldiers a suitable Exhortation; but I was so affected with a Sense of the Misery of fallen Man, that I could not speak with my usual Vigour.

To-day was called in a hurry to pray by one of the devout Soldiers who came from *Gibraltar*, and who was supposed to be expiring. I came, [I saw] and rejoiced in Spirit, for his Soul seemed full of God. Instead of being affrighted at the Approach of the King of Terrors he welcomed it, and said he was going to his dear Redemer; then he fell as it were into a Trance

a Trance, and poured out his Heart in repeating some very applicable Verses out of the *Psalms*. Upon which we thought he would have died: But lo! God brought him from the nethermost Hell. From that Instant the Fever left him, and he recovered. Oh, what Difference is there between him that feareth God, and him that feareth him not, in their last Hours! *LORD, let me die the Death of the Righteous, and let my future State be like his.*

Exercised a little Discipline this Evening on a Boy, whom Captain *M.* took notice of above a Week ago for behaving ill at Church, and said he would deliver him up to me: I therefore, by the Advice of his Master, ordered him to be tied, 'till he could say the 51<sup>st</sup> Psalm, which he repeated to-night very solemnly in the midst of the Congregation. May it be a Warning to him for the future!

*Sunday, April 16.* Read Prayers and expounded at Six in the Morning, and preached to my own People: Then went and preached on board the *Lightfoot*; and afterwards dined, read Prayers, and preached on board the *Amy*: Returned about Five in the Evening to the *Whitaker*; read Prayers and preached, visited the Sick, and went to Bed blessing God for the Strength of the Day. All the Officers continue extremely kind, and seem studious to oblige me all they can. *The Good LORD reward them a thousand Fold!*

This Evening I was sent for by a Sailor, who has been the most remarkable Swearer on board; and whom I in an especial Manner warned about two Days ago, telling him, I believed God would remarkably visit him, as well as the others: He laughed, and said he hoped not. But to-night he sent for me, trembling, and burning with a Fever, told me what grievous Sins he had been guilty of, and prayed most fervently for Repentance. Two or three of the same Stamp have been taken in the same Manner. *GOD grant they may flee from the Wrath to come! Sinners must either bend or break.*

*Tuesday, April 18.* Was greatly delighted in seeing two Water-spouts, which ran along for several Miles, and by the especial Providence of God escaped us. We saw one of them coming, and were surprised to observe a sudden Calm for about six Minutes round the *Whitaker*, when the other Parts of the Sea boiled like a Pot. But surely the Everlasting *I AM* said to the Sea at that Instant, *Let there be a Calm in that Place*: For by that Means our Ship was immediately stopped in her Course, and so the Water-spout passed by before we came up to it; otherwise it would have torn our Sails

Sails in Pieces. God's Hand was so visible in this, that several said, they never beheld the like before. *Oh how does Providence watch over us, when we think nothing of it! Who would but live well to be under the immediate Protection of such an Over-ruling Power?* After this, several Squalls came upon us, which afforded me glorious Matter for adoring that great good God, whom Winds and Storms obey. The Sailors were in great Hurry and Confusion, but to my Comfort not *one single Oath* was heard all the while: A Proof this, that Sailors may pull their Ropes without Swearing, and that the Words spoken to them have not altogether fallen to the Ground: *Blessed be GOD!*

*Saturday, April 22.* Fled as it were on the Wings of the Wind for three Days past, sailing sometimes an hundred and seventy, sometimes an hundred and eighty Miles in twenty four Hours. I find that God generally sends us strongest Winds, when nearest our Port. *May I learn from hence a Lesson of Instruction; and the nearer I come to my Haven of eternal Rest, the quicker may I move!*

Spent most of these Days in writing to my dear Friends in England, and in particular Supplication for Direction how to act in the Land whither I am going. The Thoughts of my own Weakness, and the Greatness of those Trials which I must necessarily meet with, fill me with a holy Fear. *But wherefore do I fear? The Eternal Almighty I AM hath and will no doubt protect me.*

*Sunday, April 23.* Preached twice to my People to-day, and spent most of the rest of the Day in earnest Prayer for the Divine Assistance in my present Undertaking, being as we imagined near the Haven where we would be. The Morning Lessons were exceeding applicable, so that we could not help taking notice of it. *By this I know GOD favours me.*

*Monday, May 1.* This Morning went out upon Deck, after being confined to my Bed a Week by a violent Fever, with which all except three or four in the Ship have been visited. I was blooded thrice, and blistered and vomited once, and, *Blessed be God!* can say, *It is good for me that I have been afflicted:* For as Afflictions abounded, Consolations much more abounded; and God enabled me to rejoice with Joy unspeakable and full of Glory. Satan desired to have me to sift me as Wheat, but JESUS CHRIST prayed for me, and my Faith failed not. I had all the Conveniences I could have on Shore: Capt. W. resigned his own Bed to me: J. D. and



and Friend H. sat up with me every Night; and nothing was wanting to make my Sickneſs comfortable and eaſy. *Bleſſed be GOD for theſe abundant Mercies in CHRIST JESUS!*

I hope I ſhall now experimentally ſympathiſe with thoſe that are ſick, and learn to be more tender-hearted to my Fellow *Chriſtians*. I am now made whole: *May I ſin no more, be more fervent in Spirit, ſerving the Lord! leſt a worſe Evil befall me.*

*Friday, May 5.* About Ten o' clock this Morning buried the Cook of the Ship, who expired laſt Night. I could have wiſhed for a hundred Tongues to have founded a loud Alarm to the People; but the Sight of the Corpſe, and the Weakneſs of my Body, would but juſt permit me to read out the Office. *LORD, what is Man?* Oh why are others taken and I left, but that God's long Suffering ſhould lead me to Repentance? *Grant it, O LORD, for thy dear Son's ſake!*

In the Afternoon I privately baptized a new-born Infant. Thus it is, ſome coming into the World, others going out of it continually. *Good GOD! Who can deſire to live here always?*

This Afternoon, after having lain about a Week on this Coaſt, we ſaw *Savannah* River, and ſent off for a Pilot. Oh what Joy appeared in every one's Countenance! How infinitely more joyful will the Children of God be, when having paſſed through the Waves of this troubleſome World, they arrive at the Haven of everlaſting Reſt? *Hasten, O LORD, that bleſſed Time, and let thy Kingdom come!*

*Sunday, May 7.* Laſt Night, by the Bleſſing of God, we caſt Anchor near *Tyby* Iſland about fourteen Miles off *Savannah*; and to-day God gave me Strength to preach my Farewell Sermon, (which I have ſent you,) at which many wept.

After this, I took Boat with my Friend H. and arrived ſafe at *Savannah*, having a moſt pleaſant Paſſage, about Seven in the Evening. How God is pleaſed to deal with me there, I'll endeavour to inform you hereafter.

In the mean while, fail not to give Thanks for the Mercies I have received. Though we have had a long, yet it has been an exceeding pleaſant Voyage. God, in Compaſſion to my Weakneſs, has ſet me but few Trials; and ſanctified thoſe He hath ſent me. I am now going forth as a Sheep amongſt Wolves; but He that protected *Abraham* when he went out not knowing whither he went, will alſo guide and

protect me; and therefore I cannot close this Part of my Journal better than with Mr. Addison's Translation of the 23<sup>d</sup> PSALM:

## I.

*The LORD my Pasture shall prepare,  
And feed me with a Shepherd's Care;  
His Presence shall my Wants supply,  
And guard me with a watchful Eye:  
My Noon-day Walks He shall attend,  
And all my Midnight Hours defend.*

## II.

*When in the sultry Glebe I faint,  
Or on the thirsty Mountain pant,  
To fertile Vales and dewy Meads  
My weary wand'ring Steps He leads;  
Where peaceful Rivers soft and slow,  
Amidst the verdant Landships flow.*

## III.

*Tho' in the Paths of Death I tread,  
With gloomy Horrors overspread,  
My steadfast Heart shall fear no Ill,  
For Thou, O LORD, art with me still;  
Thy friendly Crook shall give me Aid,  
And guide me thro' the dreadful Shade.*

## IV.

*Tho' in a bare and rugged Way  
Thro' devious lonely Wilds I stray,  
Thy Bounty shall my Pains beguile;  
The barren Wilderneys shall smile,  
With sudden Greens and Herbage crown'd,  
And Streams shall murmur all around.*

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